

My wife Adele and I first moved to Oregon twenty-five years ago, settling with our two daughters in Southeast Portland, and visiting the north coast frequently. In 2007 we moved back east to be closer to our aging parents, but we always knew we'd return. We made it back in 2017, and although we haven't been here that long we do plan on being here for quite a while.

I retired in 2018 after forty years from a career that began in public interest law and ended in public health policy advocacy. I spent most of those years working in the nonprofit sector, but I was also self-employed at times, and worked for government at both the state and federal level. At different times I worked as a lawyer, a hearings officer, a lobbyist, a grants manager, and a policy advocate.

I grew up in a small town in upstate New York and have lived in several other small towns in different states. A lot of my work over the years allowed me to travel around the country and collaborate with advocates promoting policies and programs to improve their communities. If elected to city council I won't be showing up with a deep expertise in any one area relevant to municipal government, but I surely know how to listen carefully to people, to balance interests, to see who is missing from the conversation and to bring them into it.

Since retiring I have been volunteering as a certified ombudsman at two local long-term care facilities, as a grant reviewer for the Oregon Community Foundation, and on the advisory committee of Tillamook County Wellness. I was recently appointed to the board of directors of the Rinehart Clinic.

I fully appreciate that some will wonder why they should consider voting for a candidate who hasn't been here very long. I myself am very glad we have candidates like Scott Galvin and Randy Kugler stepping forward, both with deep connections to our community and long histories with many of you. I wouldn't be in this race without their strong encouragement, and I think they are correct that there is value in bringing a fresh set of eyes and a new voice into the mix at this time. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Jerry Spegman

I retired in August 2018 after a forty-year career in public interest law and public health policy advocacy. I currently volunteer as a state certified ombudsman with the Oregon Long-Term Care Ombudsman program, a grant reviewer for the Oregon Community Foundation, on the advisory committee of Tillamook County Wellness, and on the board of directors of the Rinehart Clinic.

Employment History

1/15 – 8/18 **County Health Rankings & Roadmaps**, Madison, WI (remote)
Community Coach

I worked with multi-sector community collaborations around the country to promote public policy change addressing the social and economic determinants of health. I engaged with local advocates, policymakers, and media regarding CHR&R's data and research about the health of their communities, and how to improve it.

1/10 – 12/14 **Spegman Consulting**, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

My clients included the Office of Smoking and Health at the CDC, the Health Impact Project of The Pew Charitable Trusts, the American Heart Association, the Public Health and Childhood Obesity teams at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the Kansas Health Foundation. My assignments included issue analysis, program development and monitoring, review of funding proposals, training and technical assistance.

7/02 – 12/09 **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**, Princeton, NJ (remote)
Senior Program Consultant

I worked both internally with foundation staff on program development and evaluation, as well as externally, providing technical assistance to foundation grantees around the country. My work with the foundation focused on public health policy advocacy at the state, local and tribal levels.

6/98 – 7/02 **American Cancer Society**, Portland, Oregon
Director of Advocacy, Northwest Division (AK, MT, OR, WA)

I supervised a staff of nine and managed contracts with several lobbyists and consultants, all working to achieve ACS's public policy objectives in four states. I developed and managed the budget for the advocacy team and was primarily responsible for its strategic planning and priority setting. I was initially hired by ACS in 6/98 as the advocacy manager in Oregon and, after four state affiliates merged, I was promoted to manage the regional advocacy department in 11/99.

10/95 – 6/98

State of Oregon, Complaint Investigator
Long Term Care Ombudsman, 12/96 – 6/98
Department of Education, 12/95 – 3/98
Board of Dentistry, 10/95 – 11/96

I conducted site visits, witness interviews, and file reviews, and prepared reports including findings and conclusions, pursuant to each agency's statutory dispute resolution procedures.

9/89 – 6/05

Schierberl and Spegman, Portsmouth, New Hampshire

I managed a small, general practice law firm and represented clients in the areas of family, disability and elder law. I provided legal services to several state agencies, including the Division of Elderly and Adult Services, the Department of Education, and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

6/86 - 8/89

New Hampshire Legal Assistance, Portsmouth, New Hampshire
Managing Attorney

I managed one of five branch offices of a statewide public interest law firm representing low income and elderly clients in a range of civil matters. I was initially hired as a staff attorney and promoted to managing attorney in 7/87.

8/85 – 5/86

Villanova University School of Law, Villanova, Pennsylvania
Visiting Instructor of Legal Writing

I taught a required course in legal research, writing and oral advocacy to 60 first year law students.

6/82 – 7/85

Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance, Cambridge, Minnesota
Staff Attorney

I represented low income and elderly clients in housing, consumer, public entitlements and family law matters.

Education

JD, 1982
BA, 1978

New England School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts
Niagara University, Lewiston, New York