

# The 32nd Annual Criminal Justice Institute



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**ORIGINAL PROGRAM DATE**

September 12, 2025

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**AVAILABLE MEDIA TYPES**

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Criminal Law Section*

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## DESCRIPTION

Join us on-demand for a program highlighting crucial criminal justice topics in the state of Washington. Whether you are a new attorney, new to criminal law or an experienced practitioner, you will leave with helpful information and important legislative updates.

## AGENDA

### 1 **Your Honor, I Just Got Here: An Introduction to the Practice of Criminal Law**

This panel discussion is an introduction to the practice of criminal law. Hear from a judge and attorneys about suggestions and strategies.

*Judge Jon Volyn – Chelan County District Court, Wenatchee, WA*

*Michael Mattocks – King County Department of Public Defense, Seattle, WA*

*Hugh Birgenheier – Attorney at Law, Tacoma, WA*

### 2 **Introduction to Search Warrants**

Issue spotting problems with a search warrant can make or break a case. Learn to identify myriad issues involving the application for a search warrant.

*Nicholas Holce – Holce Law Firm PLLC, Walla Walla, WA*

### 3 **2024/2025 Pierce County Jury Pay Pilot**

From October 2024 through April 2025, the Pierce County Jury Pay Pilot increased daily juror compensation from \$10 to \$100 across Superior, District, and Tacoma Municipal Courts, backed by \$1.5 million in state funding. This CLE training explores how the initiative aimed to reduce financial barriers to jury service, improve demographic diversity, and inform future reforms that support equitable civic participation.

*Chris Gaddis – Pierce County Superior Court, Tacoma, WA*

*Jared Varo – Pierce County Department of Assigned Counsel, Tacoma, WA*

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### **4 How Appealing! Practical Advice for Prosecutors and Defense Counsel on Making a Good Trial Court Record**

This session provides a fundamental overview and discussion of the immigration process and how that process may affect (or be affected by) a criminal proceeding involving an individual who is subject to the immigration process.

*Gavriel Jacobs – King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Seattle, WA*

*Mick Woynarowski – Law Office of Mick Woynarowski, PLLC, Seattle, WA*

### **5 Immigration: A Fundamental Overview**

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*Sean P. Wickens – Wickens Law Group PS, Tacoma, WA*

### **6 Effective Legal Writing**

Hear directly from the bench about what jurists want attorneys to know about legal writing.

*Hon. George Fearing – Washington State Court of Appeals, Spokane, WA*

*Hon. Brandon Johnson – Walla Walla County Superior Court, Walla Walla, WA*

### **7 Criminal Law Legislative Update 2025**

Hear legislative updates from 2025.

*Russell Brown – Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, Olympia, WA*