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DESCRIPTION

Dive into the rapidly evolving challenges facing Business Law attorneys as well as small and solo firms in 2026. In this seminar, participants will examine recent changes to the legal, regulatory and policy realm of internet use and access for minors, AI governance and policy recommendations for firms and recent amendments to the Washington LLC Act.

AGENDA

1 Protecting Youth ON the Internet, Not FROM the Internet

Dive into the rapidly evolving challenges facing children and teens online and the legal issues surrounding them. This moderated panel will include perspectives from enterprise, law firm, government, and nonprofit experts. We will discuss trends in emerging laws, regulation, litigation, and enforcement (e.g. social media, age-verification, AI chatbots and images) as well as approaches to advocacy and community engagement.
Olivia Holder – Bracker & Holder LLC, Gig Harbor, WA
Jacqueline Beauchere – Snap Inc, Kansas City, KS
Michelle Ramsden – Jones Walker, Atlanta, GA
Mona Cho – DOSE Initiative, Los Angeles, CA
Chris McCarty – Quit Clicking Kids, Washington State

2 Washington's LLC Act – How Did It Get Here, How Does It Compare and Where's It Going?

Hundreds of thousands of Washington LLCs are governed by our state's LLC Act. This session will cover the significant historical changes to Washington's LLC Act that have affected older LLCs and their agreements, and the planning opportunities that have resulted from those changes. Because Delaware and other states are sometimes considered as a potential state of formation for LLCs, we will review some of the key differences between Washington's LLC Act and the LLC statutes of Delaware and Texas, and the Revised Uniform Limited Liability Company Act (RULLCA), that affect the state-of-formation choice. We will discuss changes to Washington's LLC Act that the Partnerships & LLC Law Committee of the WSBA's Business Law Section are evaluating, for possible consideration and approval by the legislature.
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3 AI Governance and Policy for the Modern Law Practice

Artificial intelligence is already inside your practice — the question is whether your practice has a framework to govern it. This course provides Washington attorneys with a practical, plain-language guide to building AI governance policy, identifying compliance and malpractice exposure, and implementing auditable oversight systems that satisfy professional responsibility obligations under the Washington State Court Rules of Professional Conduct. Attendees will leave with concrete tools they can put to work immediately, whether they are just beginning to integrate AI or looking to formalize what is already in use.
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