DUI Law Basics

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DESCRIPTION

Presented in collaboration with the Washington Foundation for Criminal Justice, this seminar provides a complete beginner's toolkit for DUI cases from start to finish. Sessions include:

- The full life cycle of a DUI case
- What to do when law enforcement calls
- The New Deferred Prosecution Law in Washington
- Best practice tips for DOL hearings
- Using checklists for case evaluations, issue spotting, and preparation for trial or DOL hearings
- Getting your client the best outcome in negotiations

AGENDA

1 Anatomy of a DUI Case
The session explores the full life cycle of a DUI case, from inception through DOL consequences. It also highlights the challenges clients commonly face while navigating these matters. Participants will leave with a clear understanding of how long each stage of the process typically takes.
Bruce Adsero – Feldman & Lee, Lynnwood, WA

2 The 2am Phone Call
It's the middle of the night and the phone rings… you answer (likely half-awake) and it's law enforcement telling you they have a person under arrest for DUI asking to speak with you. Coffee-less, you have to spring into action. In this session, you will hear from a former public defender who has gotten many of those calls and will share the information you need to get, and how to get it quickly and efficiently in order to best advise your client and best position the case going forward.
Cara Lorenzo – Law Office of Cara Lorenzo, Mount Vernon, WA

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3 An Introduction to the New Deferred Prosecution Law in Washington

This session will provide an overview of the new Deferred Prosecution Law in Washington: how it came about, who it works for, and when to use it.

Geoffrey Burg – Law Offices of Geoffrey Burg, LLC, Seattle WA
Hon. Adam Eisenberg - Washington Traffic Safety Commission Judicial Outreach Liaison, Seattle WA
Amy J. Freedheim – King County Prosecutors Office (Ret.), Seattle, WA
Julie Mitchell – Lakeside Milam Recovery Centers, Seattle, WA
Melissa Patrick – Auburn Municipal Court, Auburn, WA

4 The Organized Advocate: Using Checklists to Win the Preparation Battle

In this session, we will review checklists that can be used to evaluate a DUI case, spot issues, and prepare for trial or DOL hearings.

Luke Baumgarten – Baumgarten Law Offices PLLC, Pullman, WA

5 Basics of a DOL Hearing

This session will cover the best practice tips for success at a DOL hearing from someone who has done hundreds of DOL hearings related to DUI arrests.

Melissa W. Sullivan – Sullivan Law Group, Everett, WA

6 Winning Without Trial: Top 10 Rules of Plea Negotiations

This session provides tips and tools on effective negotiations based on interviews with prosecutors, including creative tools to get your client the best outcome in negotiations.

Brit Mercer – Brit Mercer Law, Seattle, WA