



The 2026 Washington Law and Practice Refresher Course – Day 2

ORIGINAL PROGRAM DATES

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DESCRIPTION

This special seminar, originally designed as part of the WSBA Reinstatement Course, is now offered to all interested members and other legal professionals. The content has been vetted as essential information that an attorney practicing in Washington today must know.

AGENDA

1 Trust Accounts

This session includes a review of the Rules of Professional Conduct related to trust accounts and the handling of client funds as well as instruction on maintaining required trust account records.

Ben Attanasio – Washington State Bar Association, Seattle, WA

2 Professional Responsibility and Client Communications

Using the Washington Rules of Professional Conduct, WSBA Ethics Advisory Opinions, and hypotheticals, WSBA's Professional Responsibility Counsel and an experienced Washington practitioner address best practices for managing client communications from initially choosing clients carefully to drafting a closing letter when representation ends.

Sherry Bosse Lueders – Beresford Booth, Edmonds, WA

Sandra Schilling – Washington State Bar Association, Seattle, WA

3 Current Trends in Family Law 2026

This session takes you through current trends in family law on the following topics:

- Family Law Update: Cases and Statutes
- Domestic Violence and Safety Planning
- Plain Language Forms
- E-Service and E-Filing
- Motions and Discovery
- Parenting Plans
- Child Support and Maintenance
- Attorney's Fees

Robert C. Bennett– Michael W. Bugni & Associates, Seattle, WA

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4 Inadvertent Disclosure of Electronic Information

Information is the lifeblood of any discovery effort, especially if it is the necessary prerequisite to filing a lawsuit. The modern litigator must be able to navigate information repositories, regardless of their forms. In this presentation learn what you need to know to competently manage electronically stored information (“ESI”) including a review of new terminology relevant to the challenges of the digital world.

Craig T. Kobayashi – Attorney at Law, Seattle, WA

James T. Yand – Miller Nash LLP, Seattle, WA

5 Rules of Evidence and Surviving Your First Trial

Refresh your knowledge on the rules of evidence in Washington and how they differ from the law in other U.S. jurisdictions. Topics include:

- Source and purpose of Washington evidence law
- Dealing with unresponsive answers and inadvertent remarks
- Special considerations in nonjury proceedings
- Relevance
- Expert testimony
- Hearsay basics
- Evidence in digital form

Alena Woolridge – Le & Kittleson, Renton, WA

6 Advancing Equity and Justice at WSBA

The Washington State Bar Association recognizes the importance of having a legal profession that reflects the rich tapestry of the communities it serves. All Washingtonians are better off when our state’s legal system and legal community are fair and welcoming to everyone. The Washington Supreme Court, under General Rule 12 has delegated the responsibility “to promote diversity and equality in the courts and the legal profession” to WSBA. This session will give you an overview of what WSBA is doing to fulfill this responsibility and some tips for what legal professionals can do to advance equity and justice in their practices and law firms.

Diana Singleton – Washington State Bar Association, Seattle, WA