

The Washington Law and Practice Refresher Course – Day 1



ORIGINAL PROGRAM DATES

February 4, 2025

AVAILABLE MEDIA TYPES

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REPORTING YOUR CREDIT

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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 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

2 Indian Law and Tribal Sovereignty

Indian law is among the most complex areas of law. Each case is fact-driven and requires careful analysis of the intersection of tribal, state, and federal law. Whether Indian law is a significant part of your practice – or only touches your practice occasionally, this session will give you a better understanding of Indian law and the complex interplay of tribal, state, and federal jurisdiction.

Derek Red Arrow Frank – Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP, Seattle, WA

3 Law Office Management and Ethics

Follow along with Ann as she goes over twelve tips to run a law practice efficiently and ethically. Ann will incorporate the RPCs along with her experience consulting with attorneys, to help you run a successful, ethical practice.

Ann Guinn – G&P Associates, Reno, NV

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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 Current Trends in Family Law

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
- Parenting Plans
- Child Support
- Maintenance
- Attorney’s Fees
- Discovery

Tonya Meehan – Michael W. Bugni & Associates, Seattle, WA

6 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

Michael Kittleson – Le & Kittleson, Renton, WA

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1 Trust Accounts

In this session, WSBA Practice Management Advisor will take you through the rules, regulations, and common sense of managing client trust accounts from deposit to disbursement.

Margeaux Green – Washington State Bar Association, Seattle, WA

2 Legal Research Resources: Part 1

In the next three sessions of the program, focus on legal research and learn about cost-effective and efficient legal research strategies.

Barbara Engstrom – King County Law Library, Seattle, WA

3 Legal Research Resources: Part 2

Barbara Engstrom – King County Law Library, Seattle, WA

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4 Recent Changes in Estate Planning

- Review the fundamentals of estate planning in Washington and learn how the law has recently changed. Topics include:
- Estate and gift tax issues
- Financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult
- Animal trusts
- Recent trust legislation
- Testamentary disposition of non-probate assets
- The Trust and Estate Dispute Resolution Act (“TEDRA”)

Gail E. Mautner – Ballard Spahr LLP, Seattle, WA

Aleksander “Sascha” Schilbach – Ballard Spahr LLP, Seattle, WA

5 Diversity Matters

In this session, explore why diversity matters in the practice of law in Washington State by taking a closer look at the following topics:

How does WSBA define diversity?

What does the current diversity landscape look like within the WSBA?

What is WSBA doing regarding diversity?

Diana Singleton – Washington State Bar Association, Seattle, WA

6 Tort and Consumer Law

This presentation highlights developments in Washington tort law, particularly in the fields of medical malpractice and product liability. The presenter also includes a discussion of Washington’s Consumer Protection Act, Ch. 19.86 RCW (CPA).

Sydney Codd – Rush Hannula Harkins & Kyler PLLC, Tacoma, WA