

The 31st Annual Criminal Justice Institute



ORIGINAL PROGRAM DATE

October 11, 2024

AVAILABLE MEDIA TYPES

Video & Audio MP3

*Presented in partnership with the WSBA
Criminal Law Section*

REPORTING YOUR CREDIT

This on-demand seminar was originally presented as a live webcast on October 11, 2024, in Seattle, WA. If you attended the live webcast and reported CLE credits, you cannot also report credits from watching or listening to this recording if repeated within your three year reporting period.

DESCRIPTION

Join us on-demand for a program highlighting professionals in the field, academics and practitioners, all lending important perspectives to crucial criminal justice topics in the state of Washington. Learn tips for spotting forgery and for bringing and defending dog bite claims. Hear important updates on ethics; search and seizure; fish and wildlife; three strikes; and the Mental Health Services Act.

AGENDA

- 1 Ineffective Assistance of Counsel Claims: How and When Do They Become Ethical Violations?**
This is an overview of recent Washington case law on imputed disqualification due to former client conflicts of elected Prosecutors.
Kevin M. Bank - Kevin Bank Law PLLC, Seattle, WA
- 2 Forensic Document Examination**
Understand issues related to: forgery, altered and counterfeit documents, as well as considerations regarding the best evidence for scientific evaluation. Review and discuss examples recreated from fraudulent documents in actual cases and have hands-on exercises.
Brett Bishop - Bishop Document Examination Services, Seattle, WA
- 3 The Nuts & Bolts of the Mental Health Sentencing Alternative: Preparing Your Case for Argument, and Your Client for Success**
The session discusses the process for preparing the required materials, evaluations, and treatment plans needed to successfully propose a mental health sentencing alternative, whether agreed or argued, to the court. We will include a discussion of new changes from the 2024 legislative session and will further discuss the realities of supervision and review hearings, in select jurisdictions.
Kari Reardon - Law Offices of Kari Reardon, LLC, Vancouver, WA
Andrew Ricci - Pierce County Department of Assigned Counsel, Tacoma, WA

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4 Dog Bites: Giving Teeth to Your Liability Claims

Case law plus practice tips for bringing and defending dog bite claims.

Gemma Zanowski – Stritmatter Kessler Koehler Moore, Seattle, WA

5 Fish and Wildlife Police

This session provides an introduction to fish and wildlife officers. This presentation will also explain their unique jobs, authority, cases and the importance of prosecution.

Lt. Erik Olson – Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, Olympia, WA

6 Justice Is Not a Game - Washington's Persistent Offender Accountability Act

In this session, Professors Lee and Levin discuss the origins and impact of Washington's three strikes law. They will draw information from their recently published report on the topic, "Justice is Not a Game: The Devastating Racial Inequity of Washington's Three Strikes Law" to discuss the history of the law, the severe racial disproportionalities resulting from its application, and legal and policy justifications for reforming the law.

Professor Melissa Lee – Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, WA

Professor Jessica Levin – Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, WA

7 Search & Seizure Update

This session reviews all of the search and seizure cases from the Washington Appellate courts from 2023 – 2024.

Judge Robert McBeth (Ret.) – Auburn, WA

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September 12, 2025

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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 will address how to make a record for appeal that accurately and completely captures the trial court litigation. The presenters will cover best practices applicable to both prosecutors and defense counsel.

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

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.

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