

2025 Trial Advocacy Program (TAP) CLE



ORIGINAL PROGRAM DATE

June 5-6, 2025

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DESCRIPTION

The annual WSBA Trial Advocacy Program offers a two-day CLE on trial skills followed by a mock trial. This seminar is appropriate for attorneys working in either the criminal or civil arena with little or no trial experience.

Topics cover the full cycle of a trial, including voir dire, objections and motions in limine, trial ethics, direct examination and exhibits, presenting evidence, cross examination and redirect, preparing witnesses, and closing arguments.

AGENDA

1 Voir Dire

Ramona Brandes – Washington Defender Association, Seattle, WA

2 Objections and Motions in Limine

Lindsey Whyte – Washington Innocence Project, Seattle, WA

3 Opening Statements

James Carr – King County Department of Public Defense, Seattle, WA

Lindsey Whyte – Washington Innocence Project, Seattle, WA

4 Trial Ethics

Merri A. Baldwin – Rogers Joseph O'Donnell PC, Seattle, WA

Judge Janet M. Helson – King County Superior Court, Seattle, WA

5 Direct Examination and Exhibits

Jason Brookhyser – King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Seattle, WA

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6 Presenting Evidence and Demonstrative Evidence

Lei Young – Washington State Office of Public Defense, Olympia, WA

7 Cross Examination and Redirect

Cassie Trueblood – Snohomish County Public Defender Association, Everett, WA

8 Preparing Witnesses and Issues with Expert and Hostile Witnesses

Michael Schueler – Heyman & Schueler, PLLC, Seattle, WA

9 Closing Arguments

Paul Sewell – PWRFL, Seattle WA