



WSBA Practice Primer: Criminal Law

Track 3 – Introduction to Felonies

ORIGINAL PROGRAM DATES

March 11, 2026

March 18, 2026

March 25, 2026

REPORTING YOUR CREDIT

This on-demand program was a live seminar presented in three parts on March 11, 18 & 25, 2026. If you attended or viewed the original presentation, please note that WSBA members may not claim credit for the same CLE sessions if repeated within their three-year reporting period.

DESCRIPTION

The WSBA Practice Primer is a CLE series of three learning tracks that build upon one another to provide a solid educational foundation for practice in a substantive area of law. This series is designed for new members (and offered at a substantial discount for new members) but may also be of interest to those looking to transition into additional practice areas.

Our 2026 Practice Primer series will cover the practice area of Criminal Law. Taught from the defense perspective, the topics covered by the three tracks include:

- Criminal Law and Procedure
- Motions, Negotiations, and Trial
- Introduction to Felonies

Optional homework is assigned between sessions, giving you an opportunity to apply the concepts learned and earn extra CLE credit. The homework must be completed in order to claim the additional credits offered.

AGENDA

1 Scoring Basics – SRA 101

Faculty will review the basics of working with the SRA, including scoring and washout periods. Optional homework is assigned.

2 Enhancements, Exceptional Sentences and Aggravators, and Alternatives

Faculty will go over statutory enhancements and the aggravating and mitigating circumstances listed in the SRA. There will be discussion of how to work with mitigation experts and prepare mitigation reports for the court. Optional homework is assigned.

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3 Final Considerations for the New Attorney

In this last session, faculty will review Session Two's independent assignment. Faculty will identify some basic ethical concerns for the new practitioner: conflicts (including those in solo/small practice), and decision-making allocation between client and attorney. Finally, faculty will provide tips for organizing a busy criminal defense caseload.

PRESENTERS

Justin Mucklestone – John L. Scott, Woodinville, WA

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