

# The Washington Law and Practice Refresher Course

## Day 1: Research and Ethics



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**ORIGINAL PROGRAM DATE**

March 25, 2021

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**AVAILABLE MEDIA TYPES**

Video Only

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### REPORTING YOUR CREDIT

This on-demand seminar was originally presented as a live webinar on March 25, 2021, in Seattle, WA. If you attended the live webinar 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

This special seminar, designed as part of the WSBA Reinstatement Course, is offered to all members. The content has been vetted as essential information that an attorney practicing in Washington today should know.

In the first half of the program, focus on legal research and learn about cost-effective and efficient legal research strategies. The second half of the program focuses on general ethics training. Receive a refresher on client communications, managing a trust account, creating a more inclusive practice and using social media in your law practice.

### AGENDA

**1 Legal Research Resources**

*Barbara Engstrom - King County Law Library, 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. Plus learn how to use social media ethically and effectively.

*Sherry Bosse Lueders - Stacey L. Romberg Attorney at Law, Seattle, WA*

*Jeanne Marie Clavere - Washington State Bar Association, Seattle, WA*

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#### **3 Basics of Trust Accounting (Getting Your Ducks in a Row)**

In this on-demand session, WSBA Auditors take you through the rules, regulations, and common sense of managing client trust accounts from deposit to disbursement.

*Tracy Sambrano - Washington State Bar Association, Seattle, WA*

*Mary Wells - Washington State Bar Association, Seattle, WA*

#### **4 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?

*Elijah Forde - Atlas Law PS, Olympia, WA*

#### **5 Social Media in Your Law Practice**

Get tips for online communication - and tips for including using ratings, rankings, and reviews - along with focused discussion of what the Washington Rules of Professional Responsibility and WSBA Ethics Advisory Opinions have to say about the proper use of social media in law practice.

*Jeanne Marie Clavere - Washington State Bar Association, Seattle, WA*

*Stacey L. Romberg - Stacey L. Romberg, Attorney at Law, Seattle, WA*

# The Washington Law and Practice Refresher Course

## Day 2: Black Letter Law



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Video and Audio MP3

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**DESCRIPTION**

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In this on-demand seminar, catch up on black letter law specific to Washington State and earn CLE credits in the process!

**AGENDA****1 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

*Lawrence Kahn - Lawrence Kahn Law Group, PS, Tukwila WA*

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#### 2 Current Trends in Family Law

This on-demand 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
- Attorneys Fees
- Discovery

*Karma L. Zaike – Michael W. Bugni & Associates, Seattle, WA*

#### 3 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”)

*Manpreet Kaur – Lane Powell PC, Seattle, WA*

*Gail E. Mautner – Lane Powell PC, Seattle, WA*

#### 4 Tort and Consumer Law

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

*Sydney Codd – Pfau Cochran Vertetis Amala, Seattle, WA*

*Vincent Nappo – Pfau Cochran Vertetis Amala, Seattle, WA*

#### 5 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 Graham & Dunn LLP, Seattle, WA*

#### 6 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 on-demand session will give you a better understanding of Indian law and the complex interplay of tribal, state, and federal jurisdiction.

*Maureen L. Mitchell – Fox Rothschild LLP, Seattle, WA*