2023 Family Law
MIDYEAR MEETING AND CONFERENCE
Friday, July 28, 2023 – Sunday, July 30, 2023
Wenatchee Convention Center
Join us for the Family Law Midyear—back with an in-person option from Wenatchee this year! This Midyear is a hybrid event, with both an in-person and webcast component, at the Wenatchee Convention Center from July 28-30, 2023. Jurists, practitioners, and other professionals from around the state will present on critical updates, case studies, success stories and challenges. Leave with information and instruction on a variety of topics to enhance your practice, see a new part of the state, and reconnect with colleagues. We look forward to being together in person and hope you can be a part of it.
SPECIAL EVENT
Please join us on Saturday, July 29 for the Family Law Awards Luncheon from 12:00-1:30 p.m. You will have the option to choose one of three options:

- **Mojo Chicken**: Marinated in orange juice with garlic and cilantro then grilled. Served with rice and black beans.
- **Parmesan-Crusted Salmon**: Fresh salmon topped with a creamy sauce, breadcrumbs and Parmigiano Reggiano cheese. Served with Italian-style roasted potatoes.
- **Vegan Risotto Cakes**: Risotto cakes in chickpea “cream” sauce. Served with roasted potatoes and seasonal vegetables.

TUITION

**Early Bird Pricing valid thru June 26, 2023**
- $375 – Family Law Section Members
- $410 – Standard/Non-Section Members
- $410 – Join the Section ($35) and register at the Section member rate ($410)
- $285 – New Members*

*Members who have been admitted to practice in Washington for fewer than five years.

**Regular pricing valid effective June 27, 2023**
- $390 – Family Law Section Members
- $425 – Standard/Non-Section Members
- $425 – Join the Section ($35) and register at the Section member rate ($425)
- $300 – New Members*

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WSBA IN-PERSON MEETINGS & EVENTS:

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As a friendly reminder, if you are sick, or exhibiting signs or symptoms of COVID-19, we request that you stay home. For more information on COVID-19 Prevention Actions from the CDC, see [How to Protect Yourself and Others | CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html).
LODGING INFORMATION:

WSBA has two blocks of discounted rooms held for attendees at the Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel, held until July 6, 2023, and the Hilton Garden Inn-Wenatchee, held until June 27, 2023, after which time, reservations will be based on space availability and the room prices may increase. The WSBA room block at The Coast is for Friday and Saturday nights, July 29 and 30, at $148/night, plus taxes and fees; the room block at the Hilton Garden Inn is for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, at $179/night, plus taxes and fees.

Room reservations made under the WSBA-arranged room block are for attendees of the Midyear Conference only. If a non-attendee would like to stay in the area, we ask that they find accommodations outside of the WSBA room block.

TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM AT THE COAST:

Please call or email The Coast’s Reservations: (509) 662-1234 or fom@wenatcheecenter.com and identify yourself as part of the “Washington State Bar Association” group. For more information on The Coast Wenatchee’s accommodations, please visit: Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel.

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For more information on the Hilton Garden Inn’s accommodations, please visit: Hilton Garden Inn Wenatchee, WA Hotel.

As always, if you are unable to join us in Wenatchee, please join us online. Otherwise, the 2023 Midyear will be recorded and available for purchase from the WSBA CLE store at a later date.
FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2023

8:00 a.m.  Check-in • Walk-in Registration
          Coffee and Pastry Service

8:20 a.m.  Webcast Sign-In Opens

8:50 a.m.  Welcome and Introductions by Program Co-Chairs
          Cynthia Buhr – Skellenger Bender PS, Seattle
          Tamara Garrison – Luminosity Law PLLC, Mountlake Terrace
          Dawn Sydney – Law Offices of Dawn Sydney, PLLC, Seattle

9:00 a.m.  Abusive Litigation in Washington:  
            A Discussion of RCW 26.51
            75 minutes, 1.25 credits L&LP

This session is an examination of the new Abusive Use of Litigation Statute in Washington State, which took effect in January 2021. This session will include a discussion of RCW 26.51 and its legislative history, a look at the procedure for seeking an Order Restricting Abusive Litigation, and insight into practice tips and pitfalls.

Sarah Thorpe – Northwest Justice Project, Seattle

10:15 a.m.  BREAK

10:30 a.m.  Weaponized Decision Making:  
            How to Spot it and What to Do about it
            75 minutes, 1.0 credit L&LP .25 Other

Hear from an attorney and psychologist about what weaponized decision making is and how practitioners can work with it.

Lisa Ward – Kindred Law, Seattle
Dr. Landon Poppleton – NW Family Psychology, PLLC, Vancouver

11:45 a.m.  Family Law Section Meeting

12:00 noon  LUNCH
            (option to go to Tap and Putt for a no-host lunch)

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2:00 p.m.  Mediation Tips, Benefits and Pitfalls

What can you accomplish using mediation that won’t happen in a trial? How to deal with power imbalances in mediation? What are the benefits and pitfalls of a “mandatory mediation” requirement? Tips on best practices in family law mediations, including understanding your county’s mediation culture and selecting the best mediator for your case, based on the various mediation styles.

- Hon. Judge Helen Halpert (Ret.) – JAMS, Seattle
- Caroline Davis – CD Davis Mediation, Seattle
- Jacqueline Porter – 8 Second Legal, Spokane

3:00 p.m.  Preparing to Present for an Administrative Child Support Hearing

In this session, understand the Administrative Law Judge’s first line of authority and other differences from Superior Court; the format of the hearing; and Do’s and Don’ts in preparing and presenting.

- Hon. Judge Edward Pesik Jr. – Office of Administrative Hearings, Seattle
- Hon. Judge Carolyn Pinkett – Office of Administrative Hearings, Seattle

4:00 p.m.  BREAK

4:15 p.m.  The Importance of the Indian Child Welfare Act

The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), a federal and state statute created to protect Indian Children, is currently under threat. Practitioners, Courts, and adoption agencies have struggled to apply the law for myriad reasons. Learn more about ICWA, its importance, how it impacts the child welfare system, and how you can ensure it remains the “gold standard” of child welfare practice.

- Brooke Pinkham – Center for Indian Law and Policy, Seattle
  University School of Law, Seattle

5:15 p.m.  Complete online evaluations • Adjourn
SATURDAY JULY 29, 2023

8:00 a.m.  Check-in • Walk-in Registration  
Webcast Sign-In Opens • Breakfast

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8:30 a.m.  A.I. Possibilities in Family Law

60 minutes, 1.0 credit L&LP
Learn about how Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) might be used in Family Law court cases.

 Hon. Judge Sean O’Donnell – King County Superior Court, Seattle

9:30 a.m.  Advice from the Bench — In Person Trials

60 minutes, 1.0 credit L&LP
This session discusses general court decorum as well as a local rule for implementing GR 40 informal family law trials which was recently established but the court. Also, understand various considerations when dealing with pro se litigants.

 Hon. Judge Patrick Moriarty – Snohomish County Superior Court, Everett

10:30 a.m.  BREAK

10:45 a.m.  Family Law Trial Tips

75 minutes, 1.25 credit L&LP
Hear valuable tips and new pointers from an experienced practitioner. Begin with trial preparation for both you and your client. Then, move on to different stages of trial; tips for trial witnesses, experts and reports; and the fine art of objections.

 Todd DeVallance – DeVallance Law, PLLC, Seattle

12:00 noon  AWARDS LUNCHEON (hosted)
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1:30 p.m.  Objection! Frequent Evidentiary Quandaries in Family Law Trial Work

Trial Skills, particularly as it relates to evidence and objections, will frame your dissolution trial. This session reviews evidentiary objections and general trial framework.

Scott Volyn – Volyn Law Firm, Wenatchee
Rigo Garcia – Northwest Justice Project, Wenatchee

2:45 p.m.  BREAK

3:00 p.m.  The New UFLAA: Deja Vue

This statute adopts Washington’s latest version of the Uniform Law Commission’s Uniform Family Law Arbitration Act to create a revised statutory scheme for the arbitration of family law disputes. If you represent clients in family law arbitrations under RCW 7.04A or are an arbitrator who will continue to offer services after January 1, 2024, you need to know about the changes in the new law. Hear from members of the Family Law Executive Committee who participated in the multi-year legislative process of this bill’s enactment and about changes recommended by the judiciary, the uniform committee and the ADR and Family Law Section of the Bar who provided input to the Legislature on the final version of the Bill. This presentation will bring you up to date by the statute’s effective date (January 1, 2024) and provide you with an overview and the behind the scenes negotiations on the law’s new requirements.

Jacqueline Jeske – Jeske Dispute Resolution LLC, Woodinville
Patrick Rawnsley – PWR Law PLLC, Olympia

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4:30 p.m.  RECEPTION
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8:30 a.m. Legislative Update

60 minutes, 1.0 credit L&LP
Learn about the 2023 Legislative updates.

œ Patrick Rawnsley – PWR Law PLLC, Olympia

9:30 a.m. BREAK

9:45 a.m. Gender Diverse Youth in Family Law Cases

75 minutes, 1.0 Ethics, .25 credit Other
The heightened visibility of trans and gender diverse children in society, coupled with a significant shift in recommended medical and therapeutic care for these children, presents parents, families, schools, and our broader society with some complex challenges. While there is no one-size-fits-all recommendation for transgender children, there are research-supported standards that will demystify many of the perceived complexities and provide solid best practices for the optimal well-being of these children. This session discusses these topics as well as address barriers that add greater complexity including faith, cultural, and political differences.

œ Aidan Key – Gender Diversity Education and Support Services, Seattle
œ Denise Diskin – QLaw Foundation, Seattle

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11:00 a.m.  Case Law Update

The always popular case law update is presented by Chris Meserve and Chuck Szurszewski. They will discuss cases affecting family law that were decided this year by the appellate courts.

Christine Meserve – Connolly, Tacon, & Meserve, Olympia
Charles Szurszewski – Connolly, Tacon, & Meserve, Olympia

12:15 p.m.  Complete evaluations • Adjourn

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☐ #23739 WEB, attend via webcast, 7/28/23 through 7/30/23

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In-person Attendees:
Select your lunch choice for the Family Law Awards Luncheon (see p. 2 for details).
☐ Mojo Chicken  
☐ Parmesan-Crusted Salmon  
☐ Vegan Risotto Cakes

PAYMENT POLICIES

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