



WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 15

GOLF

Time 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM **Location:** Wine Valley Golf Course

BOARD MEETING

Time 4:00 – 5:00 PM **Location:** Native American Room

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Time 5:00 – 7:00 PM **Location:** Foyer

WELCOME RECEPTION

Time 6:00 – 7:00 PM **Location:** Renaissance + Empire

THURSDAY OCTOBER 16

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Time 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM **Location:** Foyer

BREAKFAST

Time 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM **Location:** Renaissance + Empire

JOINT SESSION - THURSDAY OCTOBER 16

Moderator: Robert Van Dorn, City of Walla Walla

Welcome by WSAMA President Ann Marie Soto

Time 8:00 – 8:30 AM **Location:** Explorer Ballroom

Speakers Ann Marie Soto, WSAMA President
Mayor Tom Scribner, City of Walla Walla

ETHICS: Use of AI in Municipal Practice

Time 8:30 – 9:30 AM **Location:** Explorer Ballroom **CLE Credits:** 1.0 ETHICS

Speakers Jenny Durkan, WSBA Legal Technology Task Force Chair

Description

Navigating the New Public Defense Standards

Time 9:30 – 10:30 AM **Location:** Explorer Ballroom **CLE Credits:** 1.0

Speakers Oskar Rey, Ogden Murphy Wallace, Jeffrey Schaap, City of Yakima, Sara Watson, City of Kent, Danielle Marchant, Davis Arneil Law Firm

Description This panel will explore the critical issues surrounding recent changes to public defense caseload standards. The panel will examine the new Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) Standards and the Washington Supreme Court’s Interim Order on Public Defense Standards. Finally, the panel will discuss how these changes may affect the broader criminal justice system, with a particular focus on potential prosecutorial strategies to maintain public safety amid limited public defense capacity. There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion.

BREAK

Time 10:30 – 10:45 AM **Location:** Foyer

Law Enforcement Civil Liability – Efforts to Stretch Proximate Cause/Expand Police Liability

Time 10:45 – 11:15 AM **Location:** Explorer Ballroom **CLE Credits:** 0.5

Speakers Kymm Cox, City of Tacoma

Description An overview of recent plaintiff litigation efforts to expand proximate cause in law enforcement litigation.



Criminal Law Update

Time	11:15 – 12:00 PM	Location:	Explorer Ballroom	CLE Credits:	0.75
Speakers	Bradley Lane, TSRP, City of Seattle				
Description	Criminal law update since April 2025				

LUNCH

Time	12:00 – 1:30 PM	Location:	Renaissance + Empire
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CIVIL SESSION – THURSDAY OCTOBER 16

Moderator: Kelly Konkright, City of Spokane Valley

Local Governments vs. Federal Overreach: Lessons from *King County v. Turner*

Time	1:30 – 2:15 PM	Location:	Explorer Ballroom	CLE Credits:	0.75
Speakers	Paul Lawrence and Jamie Lisagor, Pacifica Law Group				
Description	Join lead counsel in <i>King County v. Turner</i> for an inside look at a lawsuit by 60 cities, counties, and other local public entities, challenging the Trump administration’s imposition of unlawful federal grant conditions. The presentation will also explore other cases where local governments are pushing back against federal overreach, highlighting emerging legal issues, key rulings that may impact Washington municipalities, and lessons for future advocacy.				

What to Do When ICE Shows Up at Your Door

Time	2:15 – 3:00 PM	Location:	Explorer Ballroom	CLE Credits:	0.75
Speakers	Debra Casparian, City of Tacoma				
Description	What do you do when ICE agents show up at your city offices looking for someone, or when they show up in the field to question city workers? This presentation will explore the current, and changing, legal landscape around immigration enforcement efforts, impacts on local governments and how local governments are responding.				

Land Use Update

Time	3:00– 3:30 PM	Location:	Explorer Ballroom	CLE Credits:	0.5
Speakers	Roger Wynne, City of Seattle				
Description	What’s happened in the last year or so that you’d prefer to ignore, but feel obliged to confront? You know the drill: a half-hour sprint through the litigious and legislative highlights. (The PowerPoint will not be available for this session.)				

BREAK

Time	3:30 – 3:45 PM	Location:	Foyer
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PRA: Whose Record Is It Anyway?

Time	3:45-4:30 PM	Location:	Explorer Ballroom	CLE Credits:	0.75
Speakers	Adrian Winder and Andrea Bradford, Foster Garvey				
Description	This session will address public records beyond those in your city email inbox, including records in the hands of contractors, on personal devices or accounts of employees or councilmembers, and third parties who may be functional equivalents of public agencies (or agency employees).				

Surviving Litigation Over Historic Houses and Trees

Time	4:30 – 5:00 PM	Location:	Explorer Ballroom	CLE Credits:	0.5
Speakers	Bob Sterbank, Foster Garvey				
Description					

WINE WALK

Time	5:30 – 7:00 PM	Location:	Wine Walk
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CRIMINAL SESSION – THURSDAY OCTOBER 16

Moderator: Geoff McCann, City of Mount Vernon

The Ins and Outs of 404(b)

Time	1:30 – 2:45 PM	Location:	Native American Room	CLE Credits:	1.25
Speakers	Joni Morse, City of Spokane				
Description	What the rule is and how to use it effectively				

BREAK

Time	2:45 – 3:00 PM	Location:	Foyer
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SODAs/SOAP/Racing Ordinances

Time	3:00 – 4:00 PM	Location:	Native American Room	CLE Credits:	1.0
Speakers	Lacey Offutt, City of Everett				
Description					

ETHICS: Equity and Inclusion in Jury Selection (GR 37)

Time	4:00 – 5:00 PM	Location:	Native American Room	CLE Credits:	1.0 ETHICS
Speakers	Michelle Rutherford, TSRP, Snohomish County				
Description	A discussion on how Prosecutors can participate in avoiding explicit and implicit bias in jury selection through the operation of GR 37 and practical approaches to making our juries inclusive within the confines of Batson and GR 37. Practice Pointers for strategic objections and how to properly question or rehabilitate a jurors.				

WINE WALK

Time	5:30 – 7:00 PM	Location:	Wine Walk
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FRIDAY – OCTOBER 17

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Time	7:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Location:	Foyer
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BREAKFAST

Time	7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Location:	Renaissance + Empire
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CIVIL SESSION – FRIDAY OCTOBER 17

Moderator: Matt Segal, Pacifica Law Group

Caught on Camera: PRA Issues Related to Flock Automated License Plate Reader Cameras

Time	8:30 – 9:00 AM	Location:	Explorer Ballroom	CLE Credits:	0.5
Speakers	Nikki Thompson, Thompson, Guildner & Associates and Ramsey Ramerman, City of Everett				
Description	Flock automated license plate reader cameras have become popular for law enforcement use in WA, but they present significant challenges and risks under the PRA. Join Nikki Thompson and Ramsey Ramerman for a presentation about the challenges facing cities that receive public record requests for Flock data, how other cities are handling the requests, policy considerations surrounding access to Flock's surveillance data, and how several cities are litigating whether Flock data are public records.				

Navigating the Convergence of the New ADU/DADU Rules with Utility Regulations

Time	9:00 – 9:30 AM	Location:	Explorer Ballroom	CLE Credits:	0.5
Speakers	Kinnon Williams, Foster Garvey				
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Enforcement of Parking Ordinances

Time	9:30 – 10:00 AM	Location:	Explorer Ballroom	CLE Credits:	0.5
Speakers	Courtney Popp, City of Bellevue				
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A Comprehensive Look at Parliamentary Procedure for City Attorneys

Time	10:15 – 11:00 AM	Location:	Explorer Ballroom	CLE Credits:	0.75
Speakers	Dan Heid				
Description					

Empowered Separations: Legal Strategies for Turning Firings into Opportunities

Time	11:00 – 12:00 PM	Location:	Explorer Ballroom	CLE Credits:	1.0
Speakers	Sean Jackson and Shirley Lou-Magnuson, Ballard Spahr				
Description	The F word in the HR world has always induced anxiety and rightly so. In our business of facilitating collaboration, firing a worker can feel like a sign of failure. But what if it isn't? What if there are strategies that can set the stage for a smooth transition and lessen the likelihood of litigation down the road? In this session, we will discuss the best practices in employee terminations for public employers.				

CRIMINAL SESSION – FRIDAY APRIL 25

Moderator: Lacey Offutt, City of Everett

Legislative Update for Impaired Driving Laws and Court Rules Amendment Update

Time	8:30 – 9:30 AM	Location:	Native American Room	CLE Credits:	1.0
Speakers	Michelle Rutherford, TSRP, Snohomish County				
Description	A review of upcoming legislative changes going into effect in 2026 and how that will impact impaired driving case resolutions, pretrial release conditions, and historical views of past convictions. We'll also review recent changes to court rules and how that impacts District and Municipal Court high volume caseload practice.				

A Crash Course on NCIC/IIIs

Time	9:30-10:00 AM	Location:	Native American Room	CLE Credits:	0.5
Speakers	Michele Walker, City of Kent				
Description	This course will cover the nuts and bolts on reading an NCIC/III report. As prosecutors it is crucial to have an accurate account of a defendant's criminal history. NCIC/III reports provide us with nationwide criminal history information. We will discuss how NCIC/III reports are set up and how to find the information we need to do our jobs effectively.				

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What Prosecutors Should Know about DOL Hearings and How to Read an ADR

Time	10:15 – 11:15 PM	Location:	Native American Room	CLE Credits:	1.0
Speakers	Mark Garka, City of Cle Elum				
Description					

RALJ Refresher

Time	11:15 – 12:00 PM	Location:	Native American Room	CLE Credits:	0.75
Speakers	Anna O'Quinn, City of Spokane				
Description	Refresh core appeal procedures for courts of limited jurisdiction, review any recent updates in rules, statutes and case law, and discuss practical tips and pitfalls for attorneys.				