

Conference Program

Washington State  
**Access to Justice Conference**



WASHINGTON STATE  
ACCESS TO JUSTICE CONFERENCE

Washington State Bar Association  
**Bar Leaders Conference**



**TRANSFORMATION**  
Crisis and Opportunity

Keynote Speakers:

Governor Chris Gregoire

Luis Ricardo Fraga

Russell F. Stark University Professor  
University of Washington

June 4-6, 2010

Coast Wenatchee Convention Center  
Wenatchee, Washington

Friday, June 4

10:00 am – 7:00 pm

**Registration**

Main Lobby

**Preliminary Conference Meetings**

*All meetings are at the Coast Wenatchee Convention Center*

9:30 am – 5:00 pm

**WSBA Board of Governors**

Fuji 1, 2, 3

10:00 am – noon

**Access to Justice Board**

Grand Apple South

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Civil Legal Aid Oversight Committee**

Blossom

10:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Volunteer Attorney Program Staff and Specialized Legal Services Program Staff** Red Delicious East/West

11:00 am – 5:00 pm

**WSBA Leadership Institute**

Gala 3-4

1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

**Legal Advocates Training – Community Collaborations** (all are welcome)

Legal aid advocates and supporters will learn from community and client groups about community-wide needs and discuss opportunities to collaborate to create justice for clients. There will be a plenary panel discussion with some of the community groups, followed by all attendees working in small-group collaboration sessions on focused topics.

The panel will include representatives from Statewide Poverty Action Network, Comunidad a Comunidad, White Center Community Association, an association of manufactured housing homeowners, and Amigas Unidas. A number of other local and regional community groups will also participate.

Orchard Exhibit Hall South  
(Gala 1-2 will be used for  
break out sessions.)

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Practice of Law Board**

Harvest Room

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**WYLD Board of Trustees**

Golden Delicious East/West

6:00 pm

**Welcoming Reception** (appetizer buffet – no-host bar)

Grand Apple Ballroom

**Welcoming remarks**

Judge Steven González, Chair, Access to Justice Board

Salvador A. Mungia, President, Washington State Bar Association

Keynote address by **Dr. Luis Ricardo Fraga**

*The Lawyer King*, presented by The Moderately Talented (Yet Plucky) Repertory Theatre of Justice

**Registrants of the Bar Leaders Conference and the Access to Justice Conference are welcome to “cross over” between conferences. All workshops are open to registrants from both conferences.**

All meetings are at the Coast Wenatchee Convention Center

7:00 am – 5:30 pm

**Registration**

Main Lobby

7:00 am – 8:15 am

**Breakfast buffet**

Grand Apple Ballroom South

7:15 am – 8:15 am

**Orientation to the Washington Access to Justice Conference and the Alliance for Equal Justice**

Grand Apple Ballroom North

Do you want a deeper understanding of the Alliance for Equal Justice? Is this your first time at the Access to Justice Conference? If you answer “yes” to either of these questions, please plan to attend the Orientation. The Orientation is an important element of the annual ATJ Conference. Panelists introduce new attendees to the conference and offer an overview of the Alliance for Equal Justice, Washington’s network of legal aid providers and supporters. Learn how you fit in! **Please either eat breakfast before the session, or go through the buffet and bring your plate with you – it’s right next door.**

Nell McNamara, Equal Justice Coalition; Threesa Milligan, King County Bar Association Community Legal Services; Aiko Schaefer, Access to Justice Board; Kellee Spangenberg, Spokane County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyer Program

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Justice Joint: Discover the Lawyer King or Queen in You!**

Golden Delicious East/West

Join our pride and learn how legal aid programs are helping their communities move through despair and hope in the circle of law. Our habitat also features Internet access, networking opportunities, snacks and coffee.

Take some time during the day to view a compelling Marguerite Casey Foundation video, “Raising Hope: The Story of the Equal Voice Campaign.”

Fountain Lobby Lower Level

8:30 am – 10:00 am

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**



Access to Justice Conference

**Privacy and Open Access to Court Records: Collateral Consequences of the Information Boom**

Fuji 1-4

For people with an arrest, criminal or eviction record, the chances of finding employment and housing are greatly reduced as their record will disqualify them. Employment and tenant screeners can easily access this information through electronic court records and sell it to employers and landlords. Panelists will discuss the pros and cons of the current electronic court record system and discuss the tension between protecting privacy and providing open access to court records.

Lynne Alfasso, Administrative Office of the Courts; Eric Dunn, Northwest Justice Project; Nancy Talner, Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

**Communication as a Tool to Transform Crisis into Opportunities**

Grand Apple Ballroom North

Would a reporter’s call or explaining your community’s needs to peers give you pause? Effective communication is critical to advancing justice for all and transforming crisis into opportunity. Learn strategies and tactics that are proven to help increase awareness and support for legal aid. Workshop includes hands-on practice and takeaways!

Aiko Schaefer, Access to Justice Board; Karen Falkingham, Campaign for Equal Justice; Nell McNamara, Equal Justice Coalition

**Show Me the Jobs: Creative Strategies for New Lawyers in Tough Economic Times**

Red Delicious East/West

The recent economic crisis has severely impacted the low-income clients that Alliance members serve. The crisis also affects the Alliance members that serve low-income clients. The Washington State Bar Association and the Gates Foundation and others have made heroic strides to help sustain funding for legal aid. Nevertheless the unfortunate result of the economic downturn is that legal aid providers may be forced to cut programs and/or positions when our clients are most in need of our advocacy. Meanwhile, each year new law graduates are eager to work in the public interest on behalf of clients with no place else to turn. This workshop will explore a range of strategies for lawyers to find creative ways to meet the needs of clients including fellowships, grants, private/public hybrid firms and nontraditional avenues to addressing the legal needs of low-income clients.

Emily Alvarado, Housing Consortium of Everett & Snohomish County; Hank Balson, Public Interest Law Group; Martin Costello, Equal Justice Works; Diana Singleton, Seattle University School of Law; Mary Whisner, University of Washington School of Law



Bar Leaders Conference

**Roundtable Discussion with the Washington State Supreme Court Justices and Washington State Bar Association Board of Governors: We’re in This Together, Aren’t We?**

Orchard Exhibit South

Lawyers and judges have different but important roles in safeguarding an entire branch of government: the judiciary. However, judges and lawyers at times may have different perspectives on issues affecting the interaction between bench and bar, e.g., the proposal for legal technicians to engage in the limited practice of law; judicial evaluations by the bar; enforcement of rules and whether to impose sanctions; recusal of judges (see *Caperton v. Massey*); and imposition of fees to fund the courts. Join Supreme Court Justices and members of the Board of Governors as they engage in a discussion about issues that can arise when the bench and the bar’s interests differ.

10:00 am – 10:15 am

**Break – Coffee in the Justice Joint**

Golden Delicious East/West

10:15 am – 11:45 am

**Access to Justice and Bar Leaders Conference Plenary Session  
Crisis and Opportunity: A Call to Action**Orchard Exhibit  
South

The economic downturn is wreaking havoc in our state. Leaders of our three branches of government and the organized bar will share their perspectives on the impact of the crisis on our justice system and the people it serves. They will ask us, as justice system stakeholders, to consider their ideas for addressing the crisis, and to commit to a collective “call to action” for transformative change.

**State Representative Mike Armstrong**, 12th Legislative District; **Professor John McKay**, Seattle University School of Law; **Chief Justice Barbara Madsen**, Washington State Supreme Court; **Salvador Mungia**, Washington State Bar Association; **Narda Pierce**, Office of the Governor

Noon

**Lunch**Grand Apple  
Ballroom South

Special Recognition to Governor Chris Gregoire

Keynote address: **Governor Chris Gregoire**

Civil Equal Justice Advocacy Award presented to **Andrew Kashyap** and **Aurora Martin**, Columbia Legal Services

Access to Justice Judicial Leadership Award presented to **Judge Zulema Hinojos-Fall**, former WSBA Board of Governors

Access to Justice Leadership Award presented to **Mary Swenson**, former director, LAW Advocates

WSBA Pro Bono Award presented to **DLA Piper LLP, Seattle**

ATJ Board/WSBA Norm Maleng Leadership Award presented to **Lonnie G. Davis**, Alliance of People with Disabilities, former WSBA Board of Governors

1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

**Columbia Legal Services Meeting**

Blossom/Harvest

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**Access  
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Conference**Technology: Power Tools for Justice**

Fuji 1-4

Development and advances in technology have provided the justice system with transformative tools that can effectively, efficiently and economically make available both information and services to vast numbers of people almost anywhere in minutes. These tools can serve and empower people who have been powerless, excluded, underserved – and do so in practical ways with concrete effects. These tools can also enable and make real diversity in the people we serve, inclusiveness in the justice system and those who govern and work in it, and enable intergenerational communication and cooperation and leadership development at all levels. Focused on understanding how to use technology to serve our fundamental values and deliver meaningful justice in the daily lives of all people, we will demonstrate important tools and opportunities available now, and some exciting future directions.

**Jim Bamberger**, Office of Civil Legal Aid; **Sue Encherman**, Northwest Justice Project; **Judge Don Horowitz** (retired); **Mike Katell**, Columbia Legal Services; **Carol Maher**, Administrative Office of the Courts, **Brian Rowe**, ATJ Board Technology Committee

**Advocates Unite! Protecting Children's Rights in Times of Economic Crisis:  
We Can't Afford Not To**Red Delicious  
East/West

How are children's legal rights and access to justice protected in times of crisis? What are advocates in Washington doing to leverage resources to ensure that children's voices are not drowned out by budget cutting efforts? Children are the most vulnerable members of our society and often the least able to assert their legal rights. This workshop will provide participants with a hands-on interactive experience literally working through the barriers that low-income children face in navigating multiple systems of care. Issues raised in the client-simulation will be followed with information about how attorneys and advocates for children address the access to justice issues on an individual level. Participants will also hear about a number of litigation and policy reform efforts across the state, including the MacArthur Foundation's \$10 million investment in juvenile justice reform, policy work on the school to prison pipeline, and recent litigation activities addressing right to counsel in dependency and truancy cases and access to Medicaid-funded mental health services. These awareness building activities will be followed by an opportunity for participants to sign up for pro bono projects (like juvenile record sealing clinics or the lawyers fostering independence project) and trainings across the state.

**Starcia Ague**, Washington State University student; **Justice Bobbe Bridge** (retired), Washington State Supreme Court; **Anne Lee**, Teamchild

**Serving Clients Respectfully:  
Ethical Challenges to the Justice System in Serving Diverse Client Communities**Grand Apple  
Ballroom North

Panelists will address inclusion, diversity and cross-difference professional competency needed to serve clients who face mental and physical disabilities, cultural, linguistic, poverty-related and other barriers to equal justice. As the crisis of unmet legal needs escalates, it is important for advocates to be sensitive to the needs of diverse client communities. Whether full-time advocate or pro bono attorney, it is important to understand some of the complexities of living in poverty as this intersects with other barriers faced by clients. Clients with disabilities, who come from different countries, who are of varying ethnic backgrounds and who identify as lesbian, gay or transgender have different experiences in our justice system. One workshop cannot address every client need, but we can look at issues clients face and provide some tools for serving them respectfully.

**David Carlson**, Legal Advocacy for Disability Rights Washington; **Laura Contreras**, Columbia Legal Services; **Merf Ehman**, Columbia Legal Services; **Erin Lennon**, Stoel Rives; **Julie Orr**, Davis Wright Tremaine; **Michele Storms**, University of Washington School of Law

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS *continued*



Bar Leaders Conference

**Diversity in a New Decade**

Gala 1-4

Take a look at diversity in a new way – on a continuum! What does our state look like regarding lawyer demographics in Washington? How do the leaks in early education affect the pipeline? Where are our children/future lawyers dropping off? What are we doing about it and what can **you** do about it? Come join us to discuss these issues that are impacting us all.

**Benes Aldana**, Asian Bar Association of Washington; **Professor Paula Lustbader**, Seattle University School of Law; **Michelle Williams**, Bellevue School District; **Chach Duarte White**, WSBA Diversity Program; **Sandra Yamate**, The Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm

**Break – Meet your colleagues for refreshments in the Justice Joint!**

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

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**Washington Home Foreclosure Crisis: Legal Updates and Advocacy Approaches**

Fuji 1-4

The foreclosure crisis has led to new protections and approaches to preserving homeownership. This workshop will cover the recent state and national developments in predatory lending litigation, loan modification, and mortgage lending regulation. This workshop will convene a panel of speakers representing legal aid, pro bono, the WSBA, a housing counseling agency, the Attorney General's Office and the Federal Trade Commission to address current advocacy strategies and interagency collaboration in statewide foreclosure prevention efforts.

**Aline Carton**, Home Foreclosure Legal Aid Project, WSBA; **Marc Cote**, Washington Homeownership Resource Center/Parkview Services; **Brendan Donckers**, Home Foreclosure Legal Aid Project, volunteer attorney; **Dave Huey**, Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division; **Nadine Samter**, Federal Trade Commission; **Lili Sotelo**, Home Foreclosure Legal Aid Project, Northwest Justice Project

**The Ivory Tower and the Legal Community: A New Paradigm for Access**

Grand Apple Ballroom North

Washington has long enjoyed a strong relationship between the bar and the academy. In recent years, this collaboration between WSBA, the three law schools and the practicing bar has grown. Come join in a discussion among panelists and audience members about current programs and future initiatives that will expand services to the community and better prepare students for the professional practice of law.

**Megan J. Ballard**, Gonzaga University School of Law Center for Law in Public Service; **Molly Cohan**, University of Washington School of Law Tribal Defense Clinic; **Paula Littlewood**, Washington State Bar Association; **Professor Scott A. Schumacher**, University of Washington School of Law Federal Tax Clinic; **Diana Singleton**, Seattle University School of Law Access to Justice Institute

**Keeping the Power On: Advocating for Clients Facing a Utility Termination**

Red Delicious East/West

In this economic crisis many clients face losing access to utilities that provide heat, water, and light. There are resources available to low-income consumers that can help them avoid termination. Consumers also have rights in conjunction with these terminations. This workshop will provide attendees with information about resources to prevent termination, how to deal with billing disputes, and legal recourse clients have in these situations.

**Ty Duhamel**, Columbia Legal Services; **Stephen Parsons**, Northwest Justice Project



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**Reset Your Practice in a Reset Economy**

Gala 1-4

With changing times, lawyers may need to re-evaluate their practices. In addition, new and young lawyers are hard pressed to find a job right out of law school. Many lawyers are looking for ways to connect with other attorneys in their community, both to network and look for possible job leads and new clients. This session is intended to assist by presenting tools, concepts, and ideas for success in today's economy.

WSBA Board of Governor **Patrick Palace**, Palace Law Offices; Washington Young Lawyers Division President-elect **Kari Petrusek**, Carson Law Group; **Doug Reiser**, Reiser Legal LLC; **Pete Roberts**, WSBA Law Office Management Assistance Program

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

**Law School Student Reception**

Grand Apple Ballroom North

Limited to law students, program speakers, and invited guests.

8:00 pm

**Campaign for Equal Justice President's Party (all are welcome)**

Applewood Grill

The Applewood Grill is at 29 North Columbia, conveniently located behind the Coast Wenatchee Convention Center.

7:30 am – 8:30 am

**Breakfast buffet**

Grand Apple  
Ballroom South

7:30 am - 10:00 am

**Justice Joint**

You will find your morning coffee here!

Golden Delicious  
East/West

8:30 am - 10:30 am

**Current Immigration and Civil Rights Issues in Washington State**

Fuji 1-4

The new Arizona immigration law (SB 1070) and recent events in Seattle have focused increased attention on these issues. The Access to Justice and Bar Leaders Conference Committees invite you to attend a special session to learn about these issues and discuss how our community should respond. A panel of experts will present, and facilitate a discussion about, proposed recommendations for legal, ethical and policy solutions.

Panelists: **Jorge Madrazo** (Narrator), Sea Mar Community Health Centers; **Judge Steven González**, Access to Justice Board; **Jorge Barón**, Northwest Immigrant Rights Project; **Dan Ford**, Columbia Legal Services; **Shankar Narayan**, American Civil Liberties Union; law enforcement representative(s)

## *Thank You for Attending!*

~~Please help us evaluate the Access to Justice Conference by completing the evaluation form online at <http://atjconference.wordpress.com>.~~

~~Evaluation forms for the Bar Leaders Conference can be found in the conference registration packets.~~

The ATJ Conference/Bar Leaders Conference has been accredited with ~~six (6)~~ general CLE credits. Please make sure that you have signed the Attendance Record at the conference registration desk. Information about how the CLE credits will be added to your WSBA MCLE record is in the conference registration packet. In accordance with MCLE policy, we will report your attendance directly to the Washington State Bar Association.

You can find the link to electronic versions of all Access to Justice workshop materials at [www.wsba.org/atj](http://www.wsba.org/atj).

Bar Leaders Conference materials will be online at:  
[www.wsba.org/barleadershomepage.htm](http://www.wsba.org/barleadershomepage.htm).



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*for Equal Justice*

IT'S NOT JUSTICE IF IT'S NOT EQUAL