

2005 Access to Justice Conference
and
Bar Leaders Conference

IT'S NOT JUSTICE IF IT'S NOT EQUAL™

Celebrating
10
Years

June 3-5, 2005

DoubleTree Hotel Bellevue

Keynote Speakers:

Sherman Alexie and Paul Loeb

Entertainment:

**The Moderately Talented (Yet Plucky)
Repertory Theatre of Justice**

**Func Pro Tunc,
the World's Greatest Pro Bono Lawyer Band!**

9:00 am – 5:30 pm

Conference Registration

Banquet Lobby

Preliminary ATJ Network Organization Meetings

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Washington State Bar Association Board of Governors

Marymoor

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Courthouse Facilitators

Factoria

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Access to Justice Board

Overlake

11:00 am – 3:00 pm

WSBA Young Lawyers Division Board of Trustees

Board Room I

11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Legal Foundation of Washington Board

Glendale

Noon – 1:30 pm

WSBA Board of Governors and Access to Justice Board Lunch

Velatos

Noon – 5:00 pm

Volunteer Attorney Legal Services Programs and Specialty Legal Services Programs

Sahalee

Noon – 5:00 pm

Northwest Justice Project Board

Lakehills

1:00 – 5:00 pm

Washington State Practice of Law Board

Newport

1:00 – 6:00 pm

LAW Fund Board

Crossroads (2nd level)

3:00 – 4:30 pm

ATJ Impediments Committee

Overlake

6:00 pm

Welcoming Reception

Appetizer Buffet and No-Host Bar

Ballrooms

6:30 pm

Welcoming Remarks

Ronald R. Ward, President, Washington State Bar Association

Christine Crowell, Chair, Access to Justice Board

Kathleen Weber, President, East King County Bar Association

The Honorable Michael Trickey, King County Superior Court

The Honorable Judith Hightower, Seattle Municipal Court and Co-Chair, WSBA Bar Leaders Conference Planning Committee

Keynote Address: Sherman Alexie, Author

ATJ 2095: A Look Back

Presented by the Moderately Talented (Yet Plucky) Repertory Theatre of Justice, musical accompaniment provided by Func Pro Tunc

9:00 – 11:00 pm

Dance the Night Away to Func Pro Tunc!

Saturday, June 4

7:00 am – 5:00 pm

Registration

Banquet Lobby

7:15 – 8:00 am

Breakfast Buffet

Bellefield/Fairweather

7:15 – 8:00 am

Access to Justice Conference: A Primer for First-Time Attendees

Overlake

This session helps explain the context and orientation of this unique conference. All first-time ATJ Conference participants should plan to attend. **First-time ATJ Conference attendees should go through the breakfast buffet line and take their plates to the Overlake Room.**

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Justice Joint – Hospitality Room

Newport

Pick up resource materials and view displays sharing the ATJ history and activities of Alliance members and supporters. Demo LINX, Washington Law Help, and enter the ATJ Cookie Naming Contest and the ATJ Treasure Hunt. Prizes include hotel getaways, theater tickets, and much much more!

8:00 – 9:30 am

Bar Leaders Conference

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Roundtable with the Washington State Supreme Court Justices and the Washington State Bar Association Board of Governors

Sahalee/Glendale

Part I (8:00 – 8:50 am)

Justice in Jeopardy

Washington Courts are facing a serious problem, a crisis in funding. This issue impacts the ability of our courts to administer justice. The Court Funding Task Force issued its report in October 2004. The Task Force found the most crucial need to address this crisis is the rebalancing of the responsibility for funding trial courts. Chief Justice Alexander delivered his State of the Judiciary report to the Legislature with the recommendations of the Task Force. The panel will address proposed legislation.

The WSBA has been active in the Task Force and legislative efforts to support the needs for justice for Washington citizens. A long-term effort, this session is designed to inform, update and challenge us in how we go forward from here.

Wayne Blair, Chair, Board for Judicial Administration (BJA) Court Funding Task Force

The Honorable Deborah Fleck, Board for Judicial Administration (BJA), King County Superior Court

Facilitated by: **Ronald R. Ward**, President, Washington State Bar Association

The Honorable Judith Hightower, Seattle Municipal Court and 2005 Bar Leaders Conference Co-Chair

Bonnie Glenn, 2005 Bar Leaders Conference Co-Chair

Part II (8:50 – 9:45 am)

Selection and Evaluation of Judges in Washington

Periodically, we are called upon to re-examine how we select our judges. We have had task forces tackle this difficult issue. Is popular election the best method? If not, why do we continue to elect judges by popular vote? Would a merit selection process guarantee the best judges and a diverse bench? This session will present opposing views and solicit your opinions on this always timely and difficult topic.

Senator Adam Kline, Washington State Senator, Senate Judiciary Committee

Charles K. Wiggins, Washington Chapter, American Judicature Society

C. Matthew Andersen, Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, Winston and Cashatt

Facilitated by: **Ronald R. Ward**, President, WSBA Board of Governors

The Honorable Judith Hightower, Seattle Municipal Court and 2005 Bar Leaders Conference Co-Chair

Bonnie Glenn, 2005 Bar Leaders Conference Co-Chair

Washington State Attorney General's Vision for Consumer Protection

Idylewood

The **Honorable Rob McKenna**, Attorney General, will talk with the audience about his vision for the role of the Consumer Protection Division and how that vision relates to the needs of the access to justice community's low- and moderate-income clients. Resources available on the Attorney General's Office website will be demonstrated by Steve Larson.

Steve Larsen, Consumer Protection Division of the Washington State Attorney General's Office

The Honorable Rob McKenna, Washington State Attorney General

CONCURRENT SESSIONS *continued*

The Campaign for Equal Justice: LAW Fund and the Alliance Members Working Together

Factoria

Does your program receive IOLTA support? What does it mean to be "expected to cooperate" with the Campaign for Equal Justice? Karen Falkingham, Larry Lium and Teresa Nelson of LAW Fund and the Campaign for Equal Justice and ATJ Board Member Greg Dallaire lead the discussion of what the Campaign means for your program and its development efforts.

In its infancy, the Campaign already is creating a consistent, recognizable message and identity for civil legal aid, reducing donor confusion, saving money for programs, helping distribute financial resources more evenly throughout the state, and raising more money than in the past.

Greg Dallaire, Access to Justice Board

Karen Falkingham, LAW Fund

Larry Lium, LAW Fund and the Eastside Legal Assistance Program

Teresa Nelson, LAW Fund

Associate Director of the Legal Foundation of Washington **Caitlin Davis Carlson** and members of the Statewide Campaign Committee who are helping design and implement the Campaign will also be on hand to talk about participating in the effort.

Washington State Paralegal Association Board Meeting

Board Room I

Break

Bar Leaders and Access to Justice Conference Plenary Session

Marymoor

**The State of Washington Practice of Law Board Presents:
Authorizing Legal Technicians: Protecting the Public and Filling a Need**

Representatives from the Washington State Practice of Law Board will present a proposed court rule authorizing non-attorneys to practice in limited circumstances. The Board seeks input from the private bar, the access to justice community and other interested parties.

Practice of Law Board members:

The Honorable Paul Bastine

Rita Bender

Steve Crossland

Jeanne Dawes

Stephanie Delaney

Lunch and Awards Ceremony

Bellefield/Fairweather

Special Recognitions

Colleen Kinerk, Chair, Access to Justice Conference Planning Committee

Bonnie Glenn, Co-Chair, Bar Leaders Conference Planning Committee

The Honorable Susan Owens presents ATJ-Technology Bill of Rights awards to

The Honorable Donald J Horowitz and **Jean Holcomb**.

Access to Justice Board Awards

Civil Equal Justice Community Partnership Award, presented to *The Seattle Times* reporters **Ken Armstrong**, **Florangela Davila** and **Justin Mayo**

Judicial Leadership Award, presented to retired **Washington State Supreme Court Justice Faith Ireland**

Access to Justice Leadership Award, presented to **Barbara Clark**, Executive Director, Legal Foundation of Washington

Washington State Bar Association Pro Bono Award, presented to **Paula Crane**, Law Office of Paula Crane, Silverdale

Keynote Address: Paul Loeb, Author

The Impossible Will Take a Little While: A Citizen's Guide to Hope in a Time of Fear

Note: Paul's book will be available for sale/signing at the back of the room immediately following the luncheon.

Columbia Legal Services Board meeting

Crossroads (2nd level)

8:00 – 9:30 am



9:00 am – 5:00 pm

9:30 – 10:00 am

10:00 – 11:45 am

Noon

1:30 – 4:00 pm

Saturday, June 4

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

1:30 – 3:00 pm

Bar Leaders Conference

Why Diversity on the Bench Matters: Opportunities and Challenges

Sahalee/Glendale

In Washington courts, only 21 out of the 206 state judges are minorities. How do minority communities perceive our judicial system when few, if any judges, reflect their community? Are minority communities doubting the fairness of the judicial system as a whole? If diversity on the bench does matter, are there unique challenges minority attorneys must overcome to serve as judges? Are there opportunities that as bar leaders we should support to increase the number of diverse candidates in the judicial pipeline? The panel will discuss how the lack of diversity on the bench is perceived from a grassroots and minority legal community perspective.

The Honorable Kenneth Kato, Spokane County Superior Court
Debora Juarez, Northwest Indian Bar Association, Washington State Hispanic Bar Association
Tisha Pagalilauan, Washington Women Lawyers
Brenda Williams, Latina/o Bar Association

Facilitated by: **The Honorable Zulema Hinojos-Fall**, 2005 Bar Leaders Conference Planning Committee
Patricia Loera, 2005 Bar Leaders Conference Planning Committee

The Impossible Will Take a Little While:

Overlake

A Citizen's Guide to Hope in a Time of Fear

edited by **Paul Loeb**
Please join us to discuss this wonderful anthology that gives hope to those trying to create a more humane world. We are privileged to have Mr. Loeb join us.

Facilitated by: **Michele Storms**, Northwest Justice Project
Marla Elliott, Columbia Legal Services and Evergreen State College

Americans with Disabilities Act in the Courthouse: Responsibilities and Opportunities

Idylewood

This workshop will summarize the new report on *Solving Access Problems for People with Disabilities in Washington State Courthouses*. You will hear about the latest developments in assistive technology for deaf and hard of hearing; architectural barriers; how to make your office accessible; how to obtain interpreters for persons that are deaf and hard of hearing; and technology advances for lawyers, judges and clients with disabilities.

Deborah Cook, Washington Assistive Technology Alliance
Ann Glynn, Eastern Washington Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
The Honorable Anne L. Ellington, Court of Appeals Division I
Howard Graham, WSBA Board of Governors, Moderator
The Honorable Donald J Horowitz, Chair, ATJ-Technology Bill of Rights Committee
David Lord, Washington Protection and Advocacy System
Steve Peck, State Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Monica McDaniel, Northwest ADA and Information and Technology Center

Other Cultures, Other Tongues: Overcoming Barriers for Immigrants and Refugees

Factoria

We'll address issues of how to let immigrants know what's available; how to communicate with non-English speakers whose cultural reference points are entirely different; how to deal with the intersection of culture with law and authority; what is available to assist pro bono attorneys with representation of immigrants; and more.

Juliann Bildhauer, Volunteer Advocates for Immigrant Justice
Leticia Camacho, Domestic Violence Community Legal Project, Northwest Justice Project
Neha V. Chandola, Northwest Immigrant Rights Project
Jill Dutton, Refugee and Immigrant Advocacy Project, Northwest Justice Project
Meg Sassaman, Cross Cultural Family Law Clinic, Northwest Justice Project

Civil Gideon: When Do Equality and Justice Require Appointment of Counsel?

Marymoor

An interactive session discussing the right of counsel in civil cases. Topics will include efforts to draft a statutory right in California, litigation by the Canadian Bar Association, international appointment of counsel practices, judicial perspectives on pro se litigants, and advocacy in Washington.

Gwen Brodsky, Canadian Bar Association
Prof. Raven Lidman, Seattle University School of Law
Clare Pastore, ACLU Foundation of Southern California
Debi Perluss, Northwest Justice Project
The Honorable Michael Schwab, Yakima County Superior Court

3:00 – 3:30 pm

Break

3:30 – 5:00 pm

Bar Leaders Conference

New Rules of Professional Conduct in Washington State

Sahalee/Glendale

In 2003, the WSBA began evaluating Washington's RPCs in light of recent changes to the ABA's Model Rules. As a result, the WSBA Board of Governors recommended that the Supreme Court adopt substantial revisions to the RPCs. Those proposed amendments are now pending and are expected to become effective in September 2005. The chair of the WSBA Ethics 2003 Committee and its reporter will present highlights of the imminent changes.

Ellen Conedera Dial, Chair, WSBA Committee on the Rules of Professional Conduct
Doug Ende, WSBA Professional Responsibility Counsel and Assistant General Counsel

Facilitated by: **Michael Pontarolo**, WSBA Board of Governors

Professional Development/Solo Practitioners

This session will describe the services of Law Office Management Assistance Program for the solo and small practitioner. The panel will involve the attendees in a discussion of innovation and billable hours: the nexus with professionalism and prospering as a solo. The panelists will discuss current trends and ask the audience to take back to their bars and groups ideas for how alternatives to the billable hour can enhance professionalism. The panelists, Law Office Management Assistance Program Committee members, also will discuss aspects of these ideas from their individual perspectives.

David Eash
Doug Engle
Irene Leonard
Cletus Weber
Randall Winn

Introductions by: **Michael Pontarolo**, WSBA Board of Governors

Access to Justice Issues: Court Clerks and the Trial Courts

Factoria

What does access to justice really mean in the trial courts of our state? What do the court clerks and trial courts do well and what can they do better? This knowledgeable panel of court clerks and judges from municipal, district and superior courts and a facilitator will share their perspectives. Come and join us and provide your perspective.

Maurice Baker, Court Administrator, Kitsap County District Court
The Honorable Rebecca M. Baker, Ferry/Pend Oreille/Stevens County Superior Court
The Honorable Sara Derr, Spokane County District/Municipal Court
Betty Gould, Clerk, Thurston County Superior Court
The Honorable Judith Hightower, Seattle Municipal Court
Melody Lane, Family Law Facilitator, Skagit County Superior Court
Jill O'Cain, Court Administrator, Lynnwood Municipal Court
The Honorable Glenn Phillips, Kent Municipal Court
Kimberley Prochnau, Commissioner, King County Superior Court

Access to Justice Technology Bill of Rights: A Living Example of Inclusion, Diversity and Multi-Cultural Competence

Idlewood

The Court-adopted Principles popularly known as the Access to Justice Technology Bill of Rights ("ATJTBoR") arise from the fundamental values of inclusion, diversity and multi-cultural competence, and the inherent aspiration of equal justice for all. A panel which uncompromisingly reflects those values will explore with the audience the living meaning of the ATJTBoR.

Gabriel Galanda, WSBA Indian Law Section and Northwest Indian Bar Association
The Honorable Donald J Horowitz, Chair, Access to Justice Technology Bill of Rights Committee
Grace Huang, Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Jorge Madrazo, Consul General of the Republic of Mexico, and past Attorney General of the Republic of Mexico
The Honorable Susan Owens, Washington State Supreme Court
Ronald R. Ward, President, Washington State Bar Association

Access to the Civil Rights Administrative Process: Local, State and Federal Partners

Marymoor

The Government Agency Theatre Company presents: "Much Ado About Something," a play providing critical and practical information on how federal, state and local agencies can assist your clients with their employment and housing discrimination complaints.

The Honorable Mary Fairhurst, Washington State Supreme Court
Carmen Flores, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Seattle District
Jacque Larrainzar, Seattle Office For Civil Rights
Steve Randels, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
Arleen Sandifer, Washington State Human Rights Commission

Equal Justice Coalition 10th Anniversary Celebration Reception

Velatos

All Access to Justice and Bar Leaders Conference attendees are invited! Sponsored by the Seattle University School of Law

Dinner on Your Own

Check out local area restaurants in the *Bellevue Visitors Guide*, which can be found in the *Justice Joint*.

5:00 – 7:00 pm

Sunday, June 5

7:30 – 10:30 am

Justice Joint – Hospitality Room

Newport Room

7:30 – 10:30 am

Conference Registration

Banquet Lobby

7:45 – 8:45 am

Breakfast Buffet

Fairweather

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Washington State Paralegal Association Board

Velatos

8:45 – 10:15 am

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Bar Leaders Conference

Bar Leaders and Your Association

Sahalee/Glendale

Roundtable Discussion

This roundtable discussion will be centered on important bar association issues and how the WSBA can collaborate with and assist local bar leaders.

Ray Gonzales, WSBA Professionalism Committee and Committee for Diversity

Facilitated by: **Joslyn Donlin**, WSBA Diversity Advocate and 2005 Bar Leaders Conference Planning Committee

Law Schools: An Important Part of Access to Justice

Marymoor

The panel includes representatives from all three law schools in Washington state. Each has programs, clinics and opportunities for law students to be involved in public-interest law and legal services. Staff attorneys from legal services organizations and students currently in the Street Law program will also participate in the panel discussion

Michael Brown, Student, Seattle University School of Law

Abigail Gonzales Daquiz, Northwest Immigrants Rights Volunteer

Octavia Hathaway, Unemployment Law Project

Loan Hong, Student, Gonzaga University School of Law

Amy Kratz, Northwest Immigrants Rights Project

Rick Petersen, Student, University of Washington School of Law Street Law Program

Larry Weiser, Gonzaga University School of Law

Secondary Trauma: How We Are Impacted by the Work We Do and What to Do About It

Idylewood

This workshop explores the lasting impact of working in very hard, stressful, often traumatic situations. It looks at how we are impacted personally and professionally with a focus on how to reconcile it and continue to do our work ethically and with integrity, while finding some joy and peace in it and in our lives.

Laura vanDermoot Lipsky, Rott-Works

10:15 – 10:30 am

Break

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

10:30 – Noon

Update on Current Access to Justice Issues

Marymoor

ATJ-TBOR, State Plan Review, Communications Plan, Equal Justice Coalition, Campaign for Equal Justice, Northwest Justice Project/Columbia Legal Services post-reconfiguration update.

Evaluations, drawings and Justice Joint game prizes

Leadership Group Meeting

Bar Leaders Conference

Marriage and Equality in Washington

Sahalee/Glendale

This program will consider, and invite discussion from participants, how we as a profession adapt to the rapidly changing landscape of sexual orientation law, from family law to same-sex marriages to professional responsibility and ethics. Few issues are as fraught with public policy and religious concerns, representing lawyers with a contentious, rapidly shifting landscape in which to serve an emerging client base in Washington.

Lindsay Thompson, Thompson Gipe, P.C.

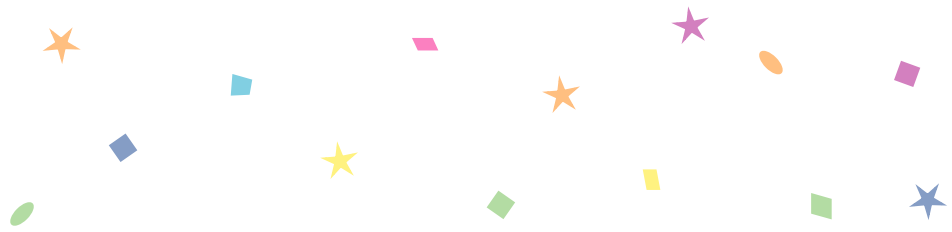
Facilitated by: **David W. Savage**, Immediate Past President, WSBA

Thank You

Thank You for Attending!

Please be sure to turn in your evaluation forms at the registration desk before you leave. There will be a drawing of nametags during the final session of both conferences. You must be present to win.

Approximately 10 CLE credits are pending for both the Access to Justice Conference and the Bar Leaders Conference. Conference participants will be notified of the actual credits approved a couple of months after the conference. Please make sure that you have signed the Attendance Record at the registration desk. In accordance with the WSBA MCLE policy, we will report your attendance directly to the WSBA. Please remember to estimate the total number of hours you were in attendance on the Attendance Record.



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