

2007 Washington State

Access to Justice Conference



Washington State Bar Association



Bar Leaders Conference

*Valuing Leadership:
Ensuring Justice for All*

June 1-3, 2007

Wenatchee Convention Center



Keynote Speaker

John McKay

Visiting Professor of Law
Seattle University School of Law

Conference Program

10:00 am – 5:30 pm	Registration	Main Lobby
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Preliminary Conference Meetings

*All meetings are at the Wenatchee Convention Center unless otherwise noted.**

9:00 am – 5:00 pm	WSBA Board of Governors	Fuji 1, 2, 3
9:00 am – 4:30 pm	Courthouse Facilitators	Golden Delicious
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	WSBA Leadership Institute	*Red Lion Hotel
10:00 am – Noon	Access to Justice Board	Grand Apple South
10:00 am – Noon	Practice of Law Board Public Hearing	Gala 3 & 4
11:00 am – 3:00 pm	Civil Legal Aid Oversight Committee	Blossom/Harvest
11:00 am – 5:00 pm	Legal Foundation of Washington Board	Fuji 4
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	WSBA Board of Governors and Access to Justice Board Lunch	Grand Apple North
12:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Volunteer Attorney Legal Services and Specialty Legal Services Programs	Red Delicious
12:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Northwest Justice Project Senior Attorneys	Gala 1 & 2
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Practice of Law Board	Gala 3 & 4
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	ATJ Board Impediments Committee	Blossom/Harvest

6:00 pm	Welcoming Reception Appetizer buffet and no-host bar	Grand Apple Ballroom
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Welcoming remarks

Colleen Kinerk, Chair, Access to Justice Conference Planning Committee; Zulema Hinojos-Fall, Chair, Bar Leaders Conference Planning Committee; Judge Greg Tripp, Chair, Access to Justice Board; Ellen Dial, President, Washington State Bar Association

WSBA Pro Bono Award presented to Shelley Ajax

WSBA Administrative Law Section donation to all county law libraries of a copy of the *Public Records Act Deskbook: Washington's Public Disclosure and Open Public Meetings Laws*

ATJ Idol

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 workshops and events are at the Wenatchee Convention Center.

7:00 am – 5:30 pm

Registration

Main Lobby

7:00 – 8:30 am

Breakfast Buffet

Grand Apple South

7:30 – 8:30 am

ATJ Conference Orientation

Grand Apple North

First-time Access to Justice Conference attendees should plan to attend this session. You will learn about the context of the ATJ Conference and the Alliance for Equal Justice. Attendees of the Bar Leaders Conference are also welcome. Please go through the breakfast buffet before 7:30 and take your breakfast next door to the Grand Apple North for the orientation.

Karen Falkingham, Campaign for Equal Justice; **Marcus Hochstetler**, King County Law Library; **Paula Littlewood**, Washington State Bar Association; **Jason Vail**, WSBA Board of Governors

7:30 am – 5:00 pm

Justice Joint – Hospitality Room

Golden Delicious Room

Jim Kouzes said “Leadership is not a place... and it’s not a secret code that can’t be deciphered by ordinary people.” You will find the Justice Joint is a place where you may gain insight into the learned and inherent skills and abilities that characterize great leaders. Explore resources from statewide partners, examine displays from Alliance leaders, acquire materials from Bar Leaders and ATJ workshops and discuss topics with friends and new acquaintances.

New in 2007 is J.J.’s Internet Café where thanks to the WSBA, wi-fi access is planned to allow conference attendees to exchange tips and information, chat, find local hot spots, check your e-mail, and more.

This is also the place where you will find the coffee!

8:30 – 10:00 am

CONCURRENT SESSIONS



Access to Justice Conference

New Volunteers on the Block: Forging New Partnerships in Pro Bono

Fuji Room

This panel highlights creative pro bono partnerships which engage attorneys outside of solo practice or law firms, including the collaborations between the Office of the Attorney General and Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services, Volunteer Advocates for Immigrant Justice and Microsoft, and programs utilizing county prosecutors to provide civil legal services.

Julian Bildhauer, Volunteer Advocates for Immigrant Justice; **Scott Douglas**, Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services; **Dina Yunker Frank**, Office of the Attorney General; **Traci Friedl**, Office of the Attorney General; **Atieno Odhiambo**, Volunteer Advocates for Immigrant Justice

Cognitive Disabilities in Administrative Hearings

Red Delicious Room

Judges from the Office of Administrative Hearings and the Social Security Administration, Legal Services advocates and private attorneys will discuss critical issues in providing persons with cognitive disabilities a meaningful opportunity for representation in administrative hearings. The panel will identify cognitive disabilities and provide options under the Washington Administrative Code for seeking appointments for suitable representatives.

Judge Gina Hale, Office of Administrative Hearings; **Judge Tom Robinson**, Social Security Administration; **Judge Laura Valente**, Office of Administrative Hearings; **Bruce Work**, Assistant Attorney General; **Robin Zukoski**, Columbia Legal Services

Making an Impact: Alliance and Law School Partnerships

Gala Room

Students and faculty at the University of Washington, Seattle University, and Gonzaga University law schools are a valuable resource for Alliance members and their clients. This workshop will focus on new proposals for increasing client services, particularly in underserved rural areas, through creative partnerships between Alliance members and the law schools.

Michele Besso, Northwest Justice Project; **Erin Crisman Glass**, 2007 graduate, Seattle University School of Law; **Lynn Greiner**, Access to Justice Board Regional Planning Facilitator; **Rosanna Peterson**, Gonzaga University Externship Program; **Michele Storms**, William H. Gates Public Service Law Scholarship Program, University of Washington



Bar Leaders Conference

Roundtable Discussion with the Washington State Supreme Court Justices and the WSBA Board of Governors

Grand Apple North

Judicial election and selection are hot topics for the Bench, Bar, media, and public. The WSBA Judicial Selection Task Force is considering whether judicial elections are serving their intended purpose, and whether it would be appropriate to implement a commission selection process for some or all judicial positions. The 2007 Legislature also considered bills involving judicial-selection issues. These legislative efforts and findings of the Task Force will be discussed.

Washington State Supreme Court Justices and the WSBA Board of Governors, moderated by WSBA Governor **Douglas Lawrence**, Stokes Lawrence

10:00 – 10:15 am

Break – Coffee service in Justice Joint

10:15 – 11:45 am

Access to Justice Conference and WSBA Bar Leaders Conference Plenary: Leadership for Justice

Orchard South

Leadership in the justice system has gradually shifted from a hierarchical to a collaborative approach. **Sandra Archibald**, Dean of the University of Washington’s Evans School of Public Affairs, will describe this philosophical shift and outline the attributes and challenges of leadership today. Panelists will further explore the benefits and drawbacks of collaborative leadership and suggest how to make it work better, drawing on their diverse experiences in the office, courtroom and community. Introductory remarks by **Justice Susan Owens**, Washington State Supreme Court.

Joaquin Hernandez, Schwabe Williamson and Wyatt; **Debora G. Juarez**, Williams Kastner & Gibbs; **John McKay**, Visiting Professor of Law, Seattle University School of Law; **Dean Kellye Testy**, Seattle University School of Law

Noon

Lunch

Grand Apple South

Keynote Speaker: John McKay, Visiting Professor of Law, Seattle University School of Law

Access to Justice Board Award Presentations:

- Civil Equal Justice Community Partnership Award, presented to TV Washington
- Access to Justice Leadership Award, presented to **John Purbaugh**, Northwest Justice Project
- Access to Justice Board Judicial Leadership Award, presented to **Judge Catherine Shaffer**, King County Superior Court
- Council on Public Legal Education Flame of Democracy Award, presented to the League of Women Voters

1:30 – 3:00 pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS



Economic Justice:

Grand Apple North

Asset Building and Asset Protection for Low-Income People

The legal system, non-profit agencies, and foundations are giving attention to the financial context and practices that affect persons with low and moderate incomes, recognizing the need to support asset building, asset protection, and financial literacy. The panel will cover important initiatives, legal issues, and legislation – including combating predatory loans and foreclosures, credit unions for low and moderate income people, earned income tax credits, matching funds for savings accounts, and low interest home loans. The panel will also address the importance of community education and client advocacy.

Representative Jeannie Darnielle, District 27; **Tricia McKay**, Medina Foundation; **Bruce Neas**, Columbia Legal Services; **Judy Poston**, Solid Ground Housing Counseling Program

Tribal Leadership and the Tulalip Wellness Court: Treatment Courts in Indian Country

Fuji Room

The Tulalip Wellness Court is a component of the Tulalip Tribes restorative justice initiative targeted specifically to substance abuse and adult offenders within the tribal court system. This system was created by a team of members of the Tulalip justice system and has received high honors from the “Honoring Nations” program at Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government.

Chief Judge Gary Bass, Tulalip Tribal Court; **Debra Muir**, Tulalip Tribal Police/Community Corrections; **Judge Theresa Pouley**, Tulalip Tribal Court

Grant County Juvenile Justice Reform Project: A Cooperative Model for Change

Red Delicious Room

This panel will discuss the creation and implementation of the juvenile justice pilot project in Grant County. The Washington State Office of Public Defense (OPD) initiated three trial level criminal defense pilot programs in 2006. One of these programs was creating a juvenile justice pilot program incorporating the WSBA-approved Standards for Criminal Defense into the public defender contracts. The implementation of these standards and the guarantee of a “right to counsel” for all juveniles in Grant County have involved cooperation from many of those dedicated to the juvenile justice system.

Jaime Hawk, Grant County Juvenile Justice Reform Project; **Joanne Moore**, Washington State Office of Public Defense; **George Yeannakis**, Washington State Office of Public Defense

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Leadership in Progress: The King County Bar Association Drug Policy Initiative and Coalition/Community Partners

Gala Room

The impact of drugs on Washington’s communities is widespread. Addressing drug issues solely through criminal law enforcement has led to well-documented successes and failures. New efforts are moving towards an alternative model – community partnerships. This workshop focuses on King County Bar Association’s collaboration with the King County Medical Society to change drug policy and create community collaboration for alternatives to criminal sanctions. State-level efforts will also be addressed.

John Scott Blonien, Washington senior assistant attorney general; **Roger Goodman**, Washington State House of Representatives, 45th District; **Charles Heaney, Ph.D.**, King County Medical Society executive director; **Jon Ostlund**, former WSBA Governor, Whatcom County public defender (retired); **David Savage**, former Washington State Bar Association President, Irwin, Myklebust, Savage & Brown, P.S.

1:30 – 5:00 pm

Columbia Legal Services Board

Blossom/Harvest

3:00 – 3:30 pm

Break – Coffee, beverages and snacks in the *Justice Joint*

Golden Delicious Room

3:30 – 5:00 pm

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Striding Toward Equality: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identification

Fuji Room

Enormous changes are happening which affect the rights of lesbian gay bisexual transgender (LGBT) Washingtonians and the work of attorneys who represent them. Leaders in the struggle for equality will discuss legislative advocacy, litigation, strategy, administration of the anti-discrimination laws by the Human Rights Commission, and grass-roots advocacy to further LGBT rights.

Marc Brenman, Washington State Human Rights Commission; **Scott Douglas**, Chair, WSBA Sexual Orientation and Gender Identification Legal Issues Section; **Roger Leishman**, Davis Wright Tremaine; **Jamie Pedersen**, K&L Gates

Continuing Our Civil Gideon Discussion:

Grand Apple North

What Can We Learn From the Criminal Defense Experience? Let's Talk!

Last year's conference generated a wide-ranging discussion of the right to counsel in civil cases. This session will continue that unfinished dialogue, providing continuity with last year's conference and enabling more community members to participate. The session will begin with a brief update on local and national developments over the last year. Then, two leaders of the state's public defense community will offer reflections based on their experience in advocating for effective representation in criminal and parental-rights termination cases. The majority of time will then be devoted to an open, moderated discussion. Please join us!

Professor Robert Boruchowitz, Seattle University School of Law; **Joanne Moore**, Washington State Office of Public Defense; **Michele Storms**, William H. Gates Public Service Law Scholarship Program, University of Washington School of Law

Leadership: A Focus on Chelan County

Red Delicious Room

Chelan County has a powerful, historical ethic of leadership and service within its bar. Chelan County bar leaders and judges will discuss how they define, promote and uphold the expectations of leadership in their own county and in important statewide positions in the justice system.

Stan Bastian, President-Elect, Washington State Bar Association; **Tracy S. Brandt**, The Brandt Law Firm; **John Brett**, Chelan-Douglas County Volunteer Attorney Services; **Steve Crossland**, Washington State Practice of Law Board; **Tony DiTommaso**, Law Office of Tony DiTommaso; **Robin Gaukroger**, Johnson, Gaukroger, Drewelow & Woollett; **Judge T.W. "Chip" Small**, Chelan County Superior Court; **Russell J. Speidel**, Speidel Law Firm



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Leadership in Action: Public Defense in Washington Tribal Courts

Gala Room

Join us to hear about what people are doing across the state to ensure justice for unrepresented defendants in Tribal Courts. Some courts allow "spokespersons" as defenders, others require bar exams, and some have sophisticated methods to appoint counsel to indigents. You will learn from those taking the lead to provide representation to defendants in Tribal Courts.

Lisa L. Atkinson, Northwest Indian Bar Association President, Tribal prosecutor, defense attorney and judge; **Lisa J. Dickinson**, (moderator), NICS Appellate Judge; **Associate Judge Elizabeth Fry**, Colville Tribal Court, Nez Perce Appellate Judge; **Ron Whitener**, University of Washington Tribal Court Criminal Defense Clinic

5:30 – 6:30 pm

Tribal Court Justice Reception

Gala Room

Attendees of the workshops relating to justice issues in tribal courts, and others interested in meeting the panel members and sharing experiences and ideas relating to the workshops, are invited to attend this gathering. This reception is sponsored in part by Garvey Schubert Barer.

5:30 – 6:30 pm

Law Student Networking Reception

Fuji Room

This reception is an opportunity for the students of Washington's three law schools to meet and connect with their peers. After welcoming remarks from ATJ Law School Relations Committee Co-Chairs **Steve Fredrickson** and **Lynn Greiner**, students will have time to network with one another.

9:00 pm

Campaign for Equal Justice President's Party – All are welcome

Coast Hotel – Room 841

7:30 – 8:30 am

Breakfast buffet

Grand Apple South

8:00 – 10:45 am

Registration

Main Lobby

8:00 – 10:45 am

Coffee in the Justice Joint

Golden Delicious Room

8:30 - 10:30 am

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Leadership Behavior: Moving Beyond Concepts to Practical Application

Fuji Room

Apply useful leadership principles in your role as a justice leader! *The Leadership Challenge*, by Kouzes and Posner, provides a framework to approach leadership as a measurable and teachable set of behaviors that everyone can learn. This workshop is relevant to staff, board members, managers, and community leaders.

Facilitated by **Charles A. Wynder, Jr.**, National Legal Aid & Defender Association



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What's Thinking Got to Do with It... Enhancing Communications Across Diverse Audiences

Gala Room

This interactive workshop explores the intersection of thought, behavior, and communication. Participants will have an opportunity to explore and test several theoretical perspectives on the thinking process while engaging in interactive exercises. The goal is for attendees to have an “aha experience” resulting in insights that will positively inform your future communications with diverse audiences.

Facilitated by **Wanda Hackett, Ph.D.**, Wanda Hackett Enterprises

10:30 – 10:45 am

Break – Last cuppa justice jo in the Justice Joint

Golden Delicious Room

10:45 – 11:00 am

Bar Leaders Conference wrap-up

Gala Room

10:45 am – Noon

ATJ Leadership Group meeting and conference wrap-up

Fuji Room

The Access to Justice Board will be present to discuss the *State Plan*.

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 during the final session of both conferences. Winners must be present to win.

7.5 general CLE Credits have been accredited to the Access to Justice Conference and the Bar Leaders Conference. Please make sure that you have signed the Attendance Record at the registration desk. In accordance with MCLE policy, we will report your attendance directly to the WSBA.



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