

2006 Washington State

Access to Justice Conference: *Equal Justice Under Law*

Washington State Bar Association

Bar Leaders Conference: *Access to the WSBA* *Serving All 25,754 Bar Leader Members*

June 9–11, 2006

**Yakima Convention Center &
Red Lion Yakima Center Hotel**

Keynote Speaker

Michael S. Greco

President, American Bar Association

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Moderately Talented (Yet Plucky) Repertory Theatre of Justice



9:00 am – 5:30 pm

Conference Registration

Yakima Convention Center Lobby

Preliminary Conference Meetings

*at Red Lion Hotel Yakima Center unless otherwise noted**

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

WSBA Board of Governors

Upper Terrace

9:30 – 11:30 am

Statewide Open House Planning Session

East Ballroom

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Courthouse Facilitators

Lower Terrace

10:00 am – Noon

Access to Justice Board

Ivy Room

11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Legal Foundation of Washington

West Ballroom

11:00 am – 5:00 pm

WSBA Bar Leaders Institute

*Howard Johnson Hotel – Apple/Cherry Room

Noon – 1:00 pm

WSBA Board of Governors and Access to Justice Board Lunch

Garden Terrace

Noon – 4:00 pm

Washington Young Lawyers Division Board of Trustees

Veranda Room

Noon – 5:00 pm

Volunteer Attorney Legal Services Programs and Specialty Legal Services Programs

East Ballroom

Noon – 5:00 pm

Northwest Justice Project Board

Yakima Room

1:00 – 5:00 pm

Washington State Practice of Law Board

*Howard Johnson Hotel – Berry Room

1:00 – 5:00 pm

Civil Legal Aid Oversight Committee

Ivy Room

6:00 pm

Welcoming Reception

Appetizer buffet and no-host bar, supported by Seattle University School of Law

Yakima Convention Center
Rooms D & E

6:30 pm

Welcoming Remarks

The Honorable Greg Tripp, Chair, Access to Justice Board
Brooke Taylor, President, Washington State Bar Association
Yakima County Bar Association

Updates on *Justice in Jeopardy* and the 2007 Legislative Session

Chief Justice Gerry L. Alexander, Washington State Supreme Court

Access to Justice Board Awards

Judicial Leadership Award:
The Honorable Anne Ellington, Washington State Court of Appeals, Division I
Access to Justice Leadership Award:
Patrick H. ("Mac") McIntyre, Executive Director, Northwest Justice Project
Kellye Testy, Dean, Seattle University School of Law

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Presented by the Moderately Talented (Yet Plucky) Repertory Theatre of Justice

Saturday, June 10

*All workshops and events in Yakima Convention Center unless otherwise noted**

7:00 am – 5:00 pm	<p>Registration</p>	Yakima Convention Center Lobby
7:30 – 8:30 am	<p>Breakfast Buffet</p> <p>New Attendees Orientation</p> <p>A separate breakfast will be served at the Orientation. This session will explain the history and content of this unique conference. All first-time attendees should plan to attend.</p> <p>Facilitated by John Midgley, Director, Columbia Legal Services</p> <p>Pro Bono Support Coordinating Board</p>	<p>Room D</p> <p>Room H</p> <p>Room D</p>
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	<p>Justice Joint – Hospitality Room</p> <p>Pick up resources and view displays created by members and supporters of the Washington State Alliance for Equal Justice. View a DVD and review materials about ABA President Michael S. Greco's initiative "Renaissance of IDEALISM IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION."</p> <p>If you missed a workshop from either the Bar Leaders Conference or the ATJ Conference, you will find the materials here. Come to the <i>Justice Joint</i> for coffee, sodas and snacks (and of course, networking opportunities) during breaks.</p>	Room 400
8:30 – 10:00 am	CONCURRENT SESSIONS	
	<p>Ensuring Court Access to Persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP)</p> <p>Over the past ten years, there have been many changes in both federal and state laws that govern court access for persons with limited English proficiency (LEP). Washington state has not only been at the forefront of these changes, but has also been an innovator in creating one of the first court interpreter certification programs. This workshop will explore ways in which to maintain our innovative approach to interpreter services. The panel includes several organizations with different perspectives, offering participants the opportunity to gain information regarding legal and practical approaches to ensuring the availability of court interpreters for our LEP population.</p> <p>Martha Cohen, King County Office of Interpreter Services; James Curtis, Columbia Legal Services; Jill Dutton, Northwest Justice Project; Jeff Hall, Board For Judicial Administration; Denise Marti, Columbia Legal Services; The Honorable Susan Owens, Washington State Supreme Court; The Honorable Ann Schindler, Washington State Court of Appeals Division I</p>	Room A/B
Bar Leaders Conference	<p>Round-Table Discussion with the Washington State Supreme Court Justices and the Washington State Bar Association Board of Governors</p> <p>Partisan attacks on a judge's decisions, the skyrocketing costs of judicial campaigns, and pressure from special interests place a burden on the judiciary's ability to effectively maintain its independence. WSBA President Brooke Taylor has made protecting the independence of the judiciary the focus of his 2006 presidency. President Taylor will moderate this discussion and welcomes the opportunity to discuss the Western States Bar Conference and WSBA Board of Governors' adoption of resolutions urging the American Bar Association to develop and implement national and long-term initiatives. Bar leaders of minority bar associations will participate in a roll call of minority bars to report on their bars' positions on the issue of campaign reform. Members of the Washington State ABA delegation will speak on ABA President Michael Greco's efforts to secure the issuance of a defined right to counsel in certain civil matters, and The Honorable Paul Bastine (Ret.) and Stephanie Delaney will speak on local efforts to implement a legal technician pilot project.</p> <p>The Honorable Paul A. Bastine (Ret.), Vice-chair, Practice of Law Board Stephanie Delaney, Practice of Law Board</p> <p>Facilitated by Brooke Taylor, President, Washington State Bar Association</p>	Room C
	<p>Web Surfing for Justice: Keeping Staff and Volunteer Attorneys Afloat with the Advocate Resource Center and Washington LawHelp</p> <p>These websites have become everyday tools for many members of Washington's legal community as well as the public we serve. Come see the progress we have made and take part in discussions on how the websites can best help you as a pro bono lawyer, coordinator, staff attorney or web surfer.</p> <p>Steve Berry, Advocate Resource Center; Sue Encherman, Northwest Justice Project; Mark O'Brien, Pro Bono Net; Danielle Rebar, Northwest Justice Project</p>	Room E
	<p>Tell Our Story: Communicate for Success</p> <p>Clear and consistent communication about the importance of civil legal aid and the challenges facing clients in the legal system is required if we are to grow our broad base of supporters and ultimately increase resources for all programs. For those who missed the opportunity to attend one of the ten regional communications training sessions earlier this year, or for those wishing to hone the skills they gained, we're offering this final opportunity to receive advanced communications training. Alice Kaderlan, from Pyramid Communications will be facilitating this condensed, tightly-focused training session that will provide you with practical tools necessary to communicate as effectively as possible about civil legal aid and our clients. If you are involved in any way with raising awareness of, or support for, legal aid (and who of us isn't?), you don't want to miss this session.</p>	Room F/G

All sessions are Access to Justice Conference unless otherwise noted as Bar Leaders Conference. Conference participants are encouraged to cross over between conferences.

10:00 – 10:15 am

Break

10:15 – 11:45 am

Bar Leaders and Access to Justice Conference Plenary

Room C

Crafting a Vision for the Civil Right to Counsel in Washington

The President of the American Bar Association has called for a defined right to counsel in civil cases. This session is devoted to an interactive discussion of the bold concept, focusing on alternative practical visions which address Washington's civil legal needs and the new State Plan for the Delivery of Civil Legal Aid to Low Income People in Washington State.

The Honorable Mary Kay Becker, Washington State Court of Appeals Division I;
Paula Boggs, WSBA American Bar Association Delegate; **The Honorable Earl Johnson Jr.**, California District Court of Appeals; **Deborah Perluss**, Northwest Justice Project; **Michele Storms**, Northwest Justice Project

Noon

Lunch

Room D

Welcome and Special Recognition

Colleen Kinerk, Chair, Access to Justice Conference Planning Committee

Washington State Bar Association Pro Bono Award

Presented to **Leonard J. Feldman**, Heller Ehrman L.L.P.
by **Brooke Taylor**, President, Washington State Bar Association

Keynote Speech

Michael S. Greco, President, American Bar Association

1:30 – 4:30 pm

Columbia Legal Services Board Meeting

*Red Lion Hotel Yakima Center – Upper Terrace

1:30 – 3:00 pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**Bar Leaders
Conference**

Tips from Successful Practitioners and How LOMAP Can Support the Success of Your Practice

Room A/B

Successful small-firm and solo attorneys Naomi Kim, Gloria Ochoa Lawrence and Ron Ward will share the many factors that go into a successful law practice. No stone is left unturned as they explore what it takes to properly address how to find clients, keep them, bill for your services, manage your time, and still have a life. WSBA's Pete Roberts will describe the services of the Law Office Management Assistance Program (LOMAP) and explain what help they can provide so you avoid common pitfalls in solo practices.

Pete Roberts, Practice Management Advisor, Washington State Bar Association
Naomi Kim, President, Pierce County Minority Bar Association
Gloria Ochoa Lawrence, Ochoa Lawrence Law Group P.L.L.C.
Ronald R. Ward, Jones & Ward, P.L.L.C., Washington State Bar Association immediate past president

Improving Educational Outcomes for Youth in Dependencies

Room C

Nationally and in Washington state, children involved in the child welfare and juvenile justice system are more likely to experience school problems and school failure. This session will highlight Washington's efforts in tackling the problem through legal advocacy, judicial leadership, legislation and system reform. Join us in identifying ways in which the equal justice community can support these efforts and help build capacity for improving the educational outcomes for children.

Annie Blackledge, Department of Social and Health Services; **Lisa Linhart-Dow**, TeamChild;
Janet Skreen, Administrative Office of the Courts; **Robert Way**, Attorney at Law

**Emerging Dispute Resolution:
Improving Dispute Resolution in Washington State**

Room E

Join us to explore the role of dispute resolution, particularly newly emerging forms, can play in current efforts to reduce the gaping hole in available legal services for the disadvantaged. Engage in a spirited discussion regarding how and whether dispute resolution can play a more central role in access to justice.

The Honorable Paula Casey, Thurston County Superior Court; **Sevilla Claydon**, Garvey Schubert Barer; **Marilyn J. Endriss**, Sound Conflict Solutions L.L.C.; **Susan Thornton**, Benton-Franklin Dispute Resolution Center

Access to Justice in the Schools: How Lawyers and Judges Can Educate Young People About Justice

Room F/G

There are many opportunities for lawyers and judges to help educate youth about the justice system. Participants in this workshop will learn about best practices in K-12 education from volunteers in programs such as Street Law and mock trials, and will engage in a typical classroom activity.

Dubs Ari Tanner Herschlip, Newton Kight L.L.P.; **Pam Inglesby**, Washington State Bar Association; **Cristen Kent**, Seattle University School of Law; **The Honorable Mary Fairhurst**, Washington State Supreme Court

3:00 – 3:30 pm

Break – Be sure to visit the *Justice Joint* for special treats!

3:30 – 5:00 pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

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When Your Cases Are Your Causes

Rooms A/B

As attorneys, our cases can readily become our causes. Our causes can consume us, throwing our personal and professional lives out of balance in harmful ways. Join two bar leaders, one a public defender and the other a small-firm practitioner, and Jennifer L. Favell, Ph.D., of the WSBA Lawyer Services Department, for a dialogue regarding the ways to identify and preserve boundaries in order to build healthy balance in our lives and careers.

Jennifer L. Favell, Ph.D., Washington State Bar Association Diversion Administrator, Lawyers Services Department Licensed Mental Health Counselor
Liza Burke, Cohen & Iaria, Washington State Bar Association Board of Governor, representing the 7th-East District
Brenda Williams, Latina/o Bar Association

Balancing the Scales of Justice: Criminal and Civil Partnerships

Room C

Civil legal aid and public defense have joined forces to improve the quality of public defense and legal services to low-income people in Washington state. Come to this session to learn about the civil-defender cross training activities that are taking place around the state. Get a nuts-and-bolts training on the collateral consequences of criminal convictions and sealing of juvenile and criminal records. Leave this session with practical tools, ideas for pro bono projects, and a menu of substantive training workshops that you can bring to your community.

Kim Ambrose, University of Washington Children and Youth Advocacy Clinic; **Molly Cohan**, Washington Defender Association; **Anne Lee**, TeamChild; **Michele Storms**, Northwest Justice Project

Moving Forward with Innovations to Improve Equal Justice: Authorizing Legal Technicians

Room E

A panel from the Practice of Law Board will present an overview of the proposed rule authorizing legal technicians, provide information on why they believe this will provide another tool for improving access to justice, and provide information on the next steps being taken toward implementation.

Practice of Law Board Members **The Honorable Paul Bastine (Ret.)**; **Jennie Bigley**; **Stephanie Delaney**; **Jane Smith**

Avoiding Debt, Chasing Jobs: Law Schools’ Role in Developing the Next Generation of Public-Interest Lawyers

Room F/G

The workshop will provide an overview of the student debt burden and discuss how schools have addressed this problem through financial aid assistance, advising and career programs. The panel will also cover opportunities that are available for students to find jobs in a tight labor market. Learn how the University of Washington Career Services assists students in finding employment and what kinds of programs help students work off debt. The Gates Public Service Scholarship Program will be featured as an example of addressing the debt and providing services to help students find public interest positions following graduation. The Seattle University School of Law and the University of Washington School of Law will be represented by professionals in financial aid and career services, as well as alumni, and legal services providers.

Sue Encherman, Northwest Justice Project; **Elizabeth Fisher**, King County Bar Association Housing Justice Project; **Lynn Greiner**, Unemployment Law Project; **Kathleen Koch**, Seattle University School of Law; **Naomi Sanchez**, University of Washington School of Law Center for Career Planning and Public Service

5:00 - 6:00 pm

Reception in Honor of Michael S. Greco

Room D

6:00 pm

Buses leave for BBQ at Maison de Padgett Winery

*Ticketed event – must have purchased ticket to board bus
 Bus leaves Yakima Convention Center from main entrance at 10 N. Eighth Street and will return by 9:00 pm.*

9:00 pm –
 “until we’re through”

LAW Fund Party

Join LAW Fund President **Paula Boggs** for a complimentary winery event “post party.”

*Yakima Red Lion Center Hotel
 Garden Suite/
 Room 142

Sunday, June 11

8:00 – 10:15 am	Conference Registration	Yakima Convention Center Lobby
8:00 – 8:30 am	Breakfast Buffet	Room D
8:00 – 10:15 am	Justice Joint	Room 400

8:30 – 10:00 am

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Bar Leaders Conference

The WSBA Disciplinary System: Protecting Ethical Lawyers and the Public From Those Few Bad Apples

Room A/B

WSBA Disciplinary Counsel Sachia Stonefeld Powell and Nancy Bickford Miller will present an overview of lawyer discipline in Washington, including how grievances are handled from the time the file is opened through Supreme Court review, possible sanctions, and pitfalls to avoid. They will also present information on the Diversion Program, which can provide an alternative to the discipline process. *1.5 Ethics CLE credits approved.*

Sachia Stonefeld Powell, Washington State Bar Association

Nancy Bickford Miller, Washington State Bar Association

Bar Leaders Conference Wrap-up

Book Discussion Group

Room F/G

The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down, by Anne Fadiman

Facilitated by Marla Elliott, Columbia Legal Services

10:00 – 10:15 am

Break

10:15 – 11:45 am

ATJ Leadership Group Meeting

Room C

On May 8, 2006 the Access to Justice Board adopted its revised State Plan for the Delivery of Civil Legal Aid to Low Income People in Washington State. Everyone is encouraged to attend this meeting, at which the State Plan Review Committee will provide an overview of the State Plan and discuss timelines and implementation.

11:45 – noon

ATJ Conference Wrap-up

Room C

Evaluations, Raffle Prizes

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. Winners must be present to win.

The joint Bar Leaders Conference and Access to Justice Conference has been approved for a total of 8.0 CLE credits, including 1.5 ethics for the session “The WSBA Disciplinary System: Protecting Ethical Lawyers and the Public from Those Few Bad Apples” at 8:30 am Sunday June 11. This also includes .5 hours for the keynote address at the luncheon. Please note that attendees may opt for a different workshop on Sunday at 8:30, but the others are approved for *general* and not ethics credits. Please be sure to sign the Attendance Record at the registration desk. In accordance with MCLE policy, we will report attendance directly to the WSBA. If you attend the above noted workshop accredited for ethics credits, you will be asked to sign in at that workshop as well. We will report that you attended the entire conference. If you did not attend the entire conference, you can make the correction to your WSBA CLE account either on-line, or on the CLE reporting form that is mailed to you during your reporting cycle.



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