About the Speakers:

Aline Carton-Listfeld

Aline Carton-Listfeld is Assistant Director of the Center for Public Service Law at the University of Washington School of Law. She started her career in public service in the early 1990s working on various social justice and human rights issues as an organizer, activist, advocate and community educator. She was staff member at Seattle Rape Relief and the Tenants Union and served on several non-profit boards including the NW Network for Bi, Trans, Lesbian and Gay Survivors of Abuse, the Benson East Tenant’s Association and the Community Alliance for Global Justice. She has also been a non-profit management consultant and fundraiser for grassroots organizations such as the Mali Health Organizing Project. Since joining the legal profession, Aline interned for the International Federation for Human Rights in Paris, France, and was a staff attorney representing low-income communities at the Northwest Justice Project and later at Rhode Island Legal Services. She has also managed the Channel Foundation’s international graduate scholarship program for activist-scholars from the Global South and the Home Foreclosure Legal Aid Project at the Washington State Bar Association.

As Assistant Director of the Center for Public Service Law, Aline provides professional development coaching to students interested in pursuing careers in public service law. In addition, she manages the law school’s Pro Bono Honors Program, Loan Repayment Assistance Program and conducts community outreach. She currently serves on the Washington State Access to Justice Board’s Nominating and Leadership Development Committee, Law School Relations Committee and provides pro bono legal assistance to low-income tenants facing eviction through the King County Bar Association’s Housing Justice Project. Aline earned her JD in 2004 from Seattle University School of Law and a BA in 1996 in Women’s Studies and International Relations from the State University of New York College at New Paltz.

Ritee Parikh Sponsler

Ritee Sponsler manages public events and educational programs for the ACLU of Washington, drawing from her background in both law and communications. She implemented the organization’s comprehensive Continuing Legal Education (CLE) program, which serves public interest attorneys, engages young lawyers, and encourages pro bono service. Ritee, who received her law school’s Commencement Award for Outstanding Leadership and Service, is in her third year of leading the CLE Committee for the Young Lawyers Division of the Washington State Bar Association. She is committed to public service and professional development.

Ritee earned her JD from University of San Francisco School of Law, where she was Student Bar Association President and served as the graduate student representative to the USF Board of Trustees. A two-time fellow of the USF Center for Law & Global Justice, Ritee examined the treatment of Haitian refugees in the Dominican Republican and taught human rights to Tibetan refugees in India. In addition to her JD, Ritee holds a Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies from New York University, magna cum laude. When she’s not planning events, these days Ritee can be found running a part-time solo practice in estate planning, probate, and family law. A surprisingly fun project.

Douglas S. Reiser

Douglas Reiser is a business attorney and LEED Accredited Professional focusing on green building, construction and alcoholic beverage law. He has experience in the legal arenas of New York, Cleveland, New Orleans, and Seattle, providing services to both private firms and government entities. He is a former member of Wolfe Law Group, LLC, and in 2010, opened Reiser Legal PLLC to focus on the
everyday needs of businesses. His practice aims to serve the modern and future needs of businesses, contractors, builders, designers, architects, managers and alcoholic beverage manufacturers who seek clever risk management, security in maintaining payment and intelligent litigation strategies when such a need becomes apparent. A modern understanding of technology allows him to closely collaborate with clients who want to be a part of their finished legal product. Our principal is licensed in the states of Louisiana and Washington.

Doug is an active member of the Washington Bar Association, serving as former Chairman of the WSBA Young Lawyers Division’s NLE Focus Group and as a former member of WSBA’s Continuing Legal Education Committee. Doug is also a frequent speaker on the topics of construction law, green building and law practice management and technology. He authors the syndicated construction law blog, The Builders Counsel, as well as The Brewery Law Blog. In 2011, Doug contributed to the book New Developments in Green Construction Law, published by Thomson Reuters.