

**Washington State Bar Association
Construction Law Section Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 14, 2026 — 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM**

Held via Microsoft Teams

Meeting ID: 278 968 886 065 3

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Agenda

- Welcome
- Approval of December Meeting Minutes
- Financial Report and Fund Allocation
 - Treasurer E. Varriano presents updated fiscal status
 - CLE subsidies
 - Scholarship – T. Colburn, M. Kutsin, J. Leary
 - M. Kutsin reports the SU contact is Erin Fullner.
 - H. Frago was referred to a dean at the professional engagement office for UW.
 - T. Colburn will reach out to Gonzaga.
 - Spanish translation of form contracts
- Spokane CLE – January 22, 2026
 - Status report: speaker confirmations, promotional plans
 - See Agenda
- Subcommittee Updates and Assignments
 - CLE Committee – R. English, S. Millstein, B. Sinner
 - See Draft Agenda
 - Presenters needed/to confirm
 - Insurance Coverage
 - Judicial Panel
 - Newsletter – Evan Brown and William Young
 - Social/Social Events – Erin Varriano and Travis Colburn
 - EC dinner/Kraken game – Report
 - Mariners?
 - Community Outreach & DEI – Seth Millstein and Saki Yamada
 - Volunteer opportunities?
 - Law School Outreach – Travis Colburn and Rita Kutsin
 - Updates on Lunch with Lawyers events
 - Tabling at SU update
 - Intersession
 - Social Media – Cynthia Park and Rita Kutsin
 - Report on posts & engagement
 - Elections Committee: Saki Yamada, Bryce Sinner, and Evan Brown
 - Legislative Committee: Erin Varriano, Jackie Jensen Erler, and Saki Yamada
 - Lifetime Achievement Award/Awards Committee: Seth Millstein
- Conclusion

- Discussion of new cases or statutes.
 - Additional comments or announcements.
- Adjourn

**WSBA Construction Law Section
Executive Committee Roster (2025–2026)**

Officers:

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Attendance

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
Sinner	X	X	X									
Yamada	X	X	X									
Brown	X	X										
Colburn	X	Exc.	X									
Varriano	Exc.	X	X									
Millstein	X	X	X									
Erler	X	X	X									
Benson	Exc.	X	X									
Kutsin	Exc.	Exc.	X									
Gilchrist	X	Exc.	X									
Park	X	X										
Smith	X	Exc.										
Leary	X	Exc.										
Young	X	X										
Noel	X	X										
Fraga	X	X	X									
Other	R. English, C. MacGregor, Kevin Fay											

2026 CLE Agenda
“Avenues to Payment: How to Get Your Clients Paid”

Location: Seyfarth Shaw
999 3rd Ave, Suite 4700
Seattle, WA 98104

Date: June 12, 2026

Check-In: 7:30 – 8:25 AM

Agenda

8:25 – 8:30 AM – Welcome & Introduction – *Ron English, Seth Millstein, Bryce Sinner*

8:30 – 9:30 AM – Washington Caselaw Update – *Paul Cressman, Jr., Joshua Lane*

9:30 – 10:00 AM – Washington Legislative Update – *Athan Tramountanas*

10:00 – 10:15 AM – Break

10:15 – 11:00 AM – Insurance Coverage Issues – *TBD – Linda Foreman? Someone from Harper Hayes? Zach McIsaac?*

11:00 – 11:45 AM – Lien Law at 32 Years Old: What I’d Change – *Kerry Lawrence, Seth Millstein*

11:45 AM – 12:00 PM – Section Chair Report & Lunch – *Ron English, Seth Millstein, Bryce Sinner*

12:00 – 1:00 PM – Judicial Panel – View from the Bench – *TBD – Hon. Sean O’Donnell, Hon. Jim Rogers, Hon. Michael Ryan*

1:00 – 2:00 PM – Statutory Remedies: Stop Payment, Lien Claims, Retainage Claims, Bond Claims – *Ryan Gilchrist, Kristina Southwell*

2:00 – 2:15 PM – Break

2:15 – 3:00 PM – Receivership – *Ryan Sternoff*

3:00 – 3:45 PM – Collections – *Jacob Rosenblum*

3:45 – 4:45 PM – Ethics Thickets and How to Avoid Them – *Hon. Chad Allred, ret.*

4:45 PM – Adjourn & Social Hour