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### **Decode the Law with the Washington State Bar Association's New Brown Bag Series on Hot Legal Topics**

*"Decoding the Law" convenes legal professionals and the public for upcoming dialogues on immigration, education, the rule of law*

*Aug. 8 panel of lawyers, police and immigration experts offer legal and personal perspectives on immigration*

SEATTLE, WA [August 7, 2017] – The Washington State Bar Association launches [Decoding the Law](#), a new conversation series intended to provide an opportunity for the general public to learn about and discuss hot issues in the news from a legal perspective.

"On a national, local, and personal level, the law permeates our lives and some aspect of it is in the news on a daily basis. At the Washington State Bar, our hope is to provide the general public an educational resource about important and timely topics from legal professionals using everyday language to present it in understandable terms," said Washington State Bar Association Executive Director Paula Littlewood. "While our bar members will not be providing individual legal advice during the *Decoding the Law* series, what they can do is help break down the salient legal points behind the headlines in a conversational, nonpartisan way."

The next topic in the *Decoding the Law* series will be "Immigration: Personal Perspective" on Tuesday, August 8, at the State Bar's Conference Center in downtown Seattle from noon-1p.m. Upcoming topics in the quarterly *Decoding the Law* series include education and the rule of law. *Decoding the Law* launched earlier this year with a three-part series on the death penalty and continued in June with "Transgender Rights and Legislation." Each session is also available via live webcast and can be downloaded for viewing at a later date.

"We encourage the public to participate in the next session on immigration and look forward to partnering with community organizations on additional topics in the future," said Littlewood.

For more information about *Decoding the Law*, please visit [www.wsba.org/news-and-events/decoding-the-law](http://www.wsba.org/news-and-events/decoding-the-law)

#### **About the Washington State Bar Association**

The WSBA is part of the judicial branch and is authorized by the Washington Supreme Court to license the state's nearly 40,000 lawyers and other legal professionals. In furtherance of its obligation to protect and serve the public, the WSBA both regulates lawyers and other legal professionals under the authority of the Court and serves its members as a professional association—all without public funding. The WSBA's mission is to serve the public and the members of the Bar, to ensure the integrity of the legal profession, and to champion justice. For more information, visit [www.wsba.org](http://www.wsba.org).

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