



Ethics in Civil Litigation

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

Approved for 5.50 Ethics CLE credits.
\$275.00 - Standard

Washington State Bar Association
1325 Fourth Ave., Suite 600 | Seattle, WA 98101

WEBCAST
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DESCRIPTION

This seminar focuses on ethics issues that may arise in civil litigation. Join esteemed faculty for a lively and important refresher of ethical topics including withdrawing from a case, clients who misrepresent, employment cases, settlement and negotiation.

MODERATOR
Edward K. Le - *Le & Kittleson, Renton*

FACULTY
Rolf Gardner Toren - *AKW Law, P.C., Seattle*
Elizabeth Ann Hanley - *Schroeter Goldmark and Bender, Seattle*
Edward K. Le - *Le & Kittleson, Renton*
Melanie Nguyen - *Stritmatter Kessler Koehler Moore, Seattle*
Alena Woolridge - *Le & Kittleson, Renton*

SCHEDULE

8:40 a.m. > Webcast Log-In Opens

8:55 a.m. > Welcome and Introductions

- Jennifer Holderman - *Washington State Bar Association, Seattle*

9:00 a.m. > Common Ethical Issues that Arise in Settlement, Negotiations, and Communication

105 minutes, 1.75 credit Ethics

Join us for a discussion on how to navigate ethical dilemmas with your moral compass intact!

- Edward Le - *Le & Kittleson, Renton*
- Alena Woolridge - *Le & Kittleson, Renton*

10:45 a.m. > Ethical Issues that Arise in Employment Cases

60 minutes, 1.0 credit Ethics

During this session, Ms. Hanley will discuss ethical issues that may arise in employment cases, including relating to ex parte communications by plaintiff's counsel with defendant's current and former employees, inadvertently disclosed or purloined documents, records issues, and litigation-related dual representation of corporate and individual defendants.

- Elizabeth Hanley - *Schroeter Goldmark and Bender, Seattle*

11:45 a.m. > LUNCH

12:45 p.m. > Common Ethical Issues that Arise in Client Communications

60 minutes, 1.0 credit Ethics

This presentation will explore the ethical implications of lying or misrepresenting clients, relevant Rules of Professional Conduct (RPCs), and associated duties, using hypotheticals for discussion.

- Rolf Gardner Toren - *AKW Law, Seattle*

1:45 p.m. > When to Stay, When to Go: Navigating Withdrawal and Fee Agreements Ethically

60 minutes, 1.0 credits Ethics

This CLE explores the ethical challenges attorneys face when withdrawing from representation and how to handle attorney fee disputes.

- Melanie Nguyen - *Stritmatter Law, Seattle*

2:45 p.m. > BREAK

3:00 p.m. > Hot Topics in Ethics for 2025 Panel Discussion

45 minutes, 0.75 credit Ethics

- Rolf Gardner Toren - *AKW Law, Seattle*
- Melanie Nguyen - *Stritmatter Law, Seattle*
- Alena Woolridge - *Le & Kittleson, Renton*
- Moderator: Edward Le - *Le & Kittleson, Renton*

3:45 p.m. > Adjourn • Complete Online Evaluations

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