



## THE 33RD ANNUAL Criminal Justice Institute

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

Approved for 7.25 CLE credits

(5.5 Law and Legal Procedure + 0.5 Ethics + 1.25 Other)

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### DESCRIPTION

Join us online for a full-day program full of updates, tips and tools to improve your criminal law practice. Hear from professionals, jurists and attorneys from across the state sharing their suggestions for effective collaboration and representation.

#### CHAIR

**Daniel LeBeau** - *Whitman County Prosecutor's Office, Pullman*

### SCHEDULE

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

**8:55 a.m. > Welcome and Introductions**

- **Daniel LeBeau** - *Whitman County Prosecutor's Office, Pullman*

**9:00 a.m. > 2026 Legislative Update**

**60 minutes, 1.0 credits L&LP**

An update on criminal laws passed during the 2026 legislative session.

- **Russell Brown** - *Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, Olympia*

**10:00 a.m. > Foundational Knowledge of  
Judicial Interpreters and Effective Collaboration**

**75 minutes, 1.25 credits Other**

This presentation will provide a comprehensive overview of the foundational knowledge necessary for legal professionals working with judicial interpreters. It will cover the general rules governing interpreters, relevant RCWs, and the various modes and types of interpretation. Additionally, it will delve into the intricacies of remote hearings, team interpreting, and the effective presentation of evidence. Attendees will leave with a deeper understanding of how to optimize legal proceedings through effective collaboration with interpreters in order to provide meaningful access to Language and Justice for LEP individuals.

- **Iratxe Cardwell** - *ILAC Education Committee, Seattle*

**11:15 a.m. > BREAK**

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### 11:30 a.m. > Advanced Sentencing Skills:

#### Conquering "Comparability"

**60 minutes, 1.0 credits L&LP**

The prosecutor wants to count all seven of your client's priors in the offender score — or worse, to apply "oublers" or similar provisions. Unfortunately, your judge is not known for questioning the State's calculations. You know the State technically has the burden of proof but what is that burden? What can you do to make the best case against using these "foreign" prior convictions at sentencing — or at least minimizing the harm? This presentation breaks down this sometimes complex sentencing issue into easier, bite-size pieces. You will learn a framework to use for "comparability" which you can immediately use to get better results from your clients. We will use specific examples (different from any previous presentations). Come prepared to walk through the analysis and walk away ready to take on the issue and help your clients get better results at criminal sentencing.

- **Kathryn Russell Selk** – *Russell Selk Law Office, Seattle*

### 12:30 p.m. > LUNCH on Your Own

### 1:15 p.m. > Mental Health for Attorneys: A Primer

**60 minutes, 0.5 credits L&LP, 0.5 Ethics**

This session reviews common mental health diagnoses, the various standards relevant to criminal practice, and discusses how to fit the two together to assess potential defenses and options.

- **Jared Varo** – *Pierce County Department of Assigned Counsel, Tacoma*

### 2:15 p.m. > The Art of the Trial Notebook

**60 minutes, 1.0 credits L&LP**

Learn how to prepare a trial notebook. Understand why it is the key to jury trial mastery

- **Jonathan Volyn (Hon.)** – *Chelan County District Court, Wenatchee*

### 3:15 p.m. > BREAK

### 3:30 p.m. > Evidence Objections: When and Why

**60 minutes, 1.0 credits L&LP**

This session provides a pragmatic approach to when and why to raise various evidence objections in the course of a criminal trial.

- **Patricia Fulton (Hon.)** – *Walla Walla County Superior Court, Walla Walla*
- **Geoffrey L. Burg** – *Law Offices of Geoffrey Burg LLC, Seattle*
- **Daniel LeBeau** – *Whitman County Prosecutor's Office, Pullman*

### 4:30 p.m. > Intersection of Family Law and Criminal Law

**60 minutes, 1.0 credits L&LP Ethics Other**

Learn about and understand cases when criminal law meets family law from an attorney who was practiced in various areas, in both public and private representation.

- **Chelsea Raines** – *Grays Harbor County Department of Public Defense, Montesano*

### 5:30 p.m. > Adjourn • Complete Online Evaluations

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