



Best of WSBA CLE 2026 – Day 1

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2026

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(1.75 Law and Legal Procedure +1.5 Ethics + 4.25 Other).
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SCHEDULE

8:10 a.m. > Webcast Sign-In Opens

8:25 a.m. > Welcome and Introductions by Program Chair

- **Stacey Romberg** - Stacey L. Romberg, Seattle

8:30 a.m. > The Core of Your Profession is Civility

60 minutes, 1.0 credits Other

This session is designed to remind us that how we practice law matters just as much as the outcomes we achieve. In a profession built on advocacy, civility is more than just good manners—it is a powerful tool for persuasion, credibility, and trust. With real-world examples and actionable strategies, participants will walk away with a renewed understanding of civility as a core strength—not a soft skill—that supports better results for clients and fosters respect in every legal setting.

- **Commissioner Bradford G. Moore (Ret.)** - JAMS, Seattle
- **Commissioner Eric B. Watness** - JAMS, Seattle

9:30 a.m. > The Secret Language of Choice of Law and Forum Selection Clauses

60 minutes, 1.0 credits L&LP

This presentation discusses a number of submerged issues that warrant attention when you are drafting, negotiating, and litigating choice-of-law and forum selection clauses.

- **Professor John F. Coyle** - UNC School of Law, Chapel Hill, NC

10:30 a.m. > BREAK

10:45 a.m. > Summer School with WSBA: Ethics and AI

60 minutes, 1.0 credits Ethics

Artificial intelligence tools are rapidly developing. Learn from WSBA's Professional Responsibility Counsel how to navigate them with your ethical duties in place.

- **Sandra Schilling** - Washington State Bar Association, Seattle

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11:45 a.m. > How AI Taught This Old Dog New Tricks: The Ethical Use of AI in Your Practice

60 minutes, 1.0 credits Other

Learn from an attorney who is learning how to use AI ethically and intelligently. What is it good for and what is it not? When is it useful and when is it not? See examples of prompts and lots of anti-examples.

- **Catherine Clark** - The Law Office of Catherine C. Clark, PLLC, Seattle

12:45 p.m. > LUNCH

1:45 p.m. > Confidentiality and Compliance: Crafting NDAs That Work

60 minutes, 0.75 credits L&LP, 0.25 credits Ethics

Nondisclosure agreements (NDAs) are a cornerstone of vendor and business-to-business contracts, safeguarding trade secrets, and other sensitive commercial information. This CLE session will focus on NDAs and confidentiality under Washington law, offering practical guidance on drafting enforceable NDAs that comply with state regulations.

- **Szlivia Szilagyi** - Washington State Bar Association, Seattle

2:45 p.m. > Automation 101

45 minutes, 0.25 credits Ethics, 0.5 credits Other

This session provides an introductory overview of practical automation tools and workflows designed to reduce repetitive tasks in legal practice. Participants learn how commonly used programs and process-based automations can streamline document preparation, client intake, calendaring, and internal task management. The session focuses on foundational concepts, real-world use cases, and ethical considerations, equipping new lawyers with a clear framework for improving efficiency, accuracy, and consistency through automation.

- **Diyora Ismailova** - Diyora Law Office PLLC, Renton

3:30 p.m. > BREAK

3:45 p.m. > From Summer Intern to Senior Leader: Building a Sustainable Talent Pipeline

60 minutes, 1.0 credits Other

This program offers a detailed hiring roadmap to firms and other legal organizations looking to recruit law school students and recent graduates. Employers will also learn more about the perspectives of the newer generation of law students and proven strategies to cultivate and retain new talent as they grow with your practice. Finally, the session will demystify how employers can maximize the free, often underutilized career services departments located in their own backyards.

- **Matthew Etter** - Seattle University School of Law, Seattle
- **Courtney Whitmore Wyckoff** - Seattle University School of Law, Seattle

4:45 p.m. > Networking with Purpose: From Contacts to Community

45 minutes 0.75 credits Other

This session explores how lawyers can move beyond surface-level networking to cultivate genuine professional communities. Attendees will learn how to approach networking with intention, generosity, and clarity of purpose, creating relationships that are mutually supportive and enduring.

- **Lola Zakharova** - MacDonald Hoague & Bayless, Seattle

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

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