

2026 Trial Advocacy Program (TAP) CLE



THURSDAY, APRIL 16 AND FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026

Approved for 11.5 CLE credits (10.5 Law & Legal Procedure + 1.0 Ethics).
\$399 - Standard
\$149 - New Members*

Registration for the two-day CLE is \$149 for New Members*, and \$399 for Standard tuition. The two-day CLE and Mock Trial together are \$199 for New Members* and \$499 for Standard Tuition.

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

IN-PERSON &
WEBCAST

DESCRIPTION

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*Email CLE@wsba.org if you are attending in-person and have dietary restrictions and we will do our best to accommodate.

CO-CHAIRS
Austin Field - King County Department of Public Defense, Seattle
Ada Smoke - AKW Law, P.C., Seattle

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SCHEDULE

DAY 1: Thursday, April 16, 2026

8:00 a.m. > Check-in • Walk-in Registration • Morning Refreshments

8:10 a.m. > Webcast Lobby Opens

8:25 a.m. > Opening Remarks/Housekeeping

8:30 a.m. > Pre-trial Motions & Motions in Limine
60 minutes, 1.0 L&LP
• Vincent Hooks - King County Department of Public Defense, Seattle

9:30 a.m. > Voir Dire
60 minutes, 1.0 L&LP
• Rebecca Bradlow - King County Department of Public Defense, Seattle

10:30 a.m. > BREAK (15 minutes)

10:45 a.m. > Trial Logistics, Order of Proof, Presenting Evidence, and Demonstratives
75 minutes, 1.25 L&LP
• Ada Smoke - AKW Law, P.C., Seattle

12:00 p.m. > Lunch Provided for In-person Attendees (45 minutes)

12:45 p.m. > Opening Statements
60 minutes, 1.0 L&LP
• Lauren Conner - King County Department of Public Defense, Seattle

1:45 p.m. > Direct Examination and Witness Preparation
60 minutes, 1.0 L&LP
• Melissa J. Osman - King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Seattle

2:45 p.m. > BREAK (15 minutes)

3:00 p.m. > Ethical Considerations for Trial
60 minutes, 1.0 L&LP
• Furhad Sultani - Stritmatter Law Firm, Seattle

4:00 p.m. > Adjourn and Evaluations • TAP into Connections: New Member Social & Trial Advocacy Program CLE Mixer

WSBA CLE NME260416 SEA/WEB

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8:10 a.m. > Webcast Lobby Opens/In-person Sign-in Opens

8:25 a.m. > Opening Remarks/Housekeeping

8:30 a.m. > Cross Examination and Re-direct

75 minutes, 1.25 L&LP

- **Edward Le** – Le & Kittleson, Renton

9:45 a.m. > BREAK (15 minutes)

10:00 a.m. > Expert Witnesses and Hostile Witnesses

60 minutes, 1.0 L&LP

- **Jenna M. Labourr** – AKW Law, P.C, Seattle

11:00 a.m. > Objections and Preserving for Appeals

60 minutes, 1.0 L&LP

- **Aaron Orheim** – Talmadge/Fitzpatrick, Seattle

12:00 p.m. > Lunch Provided for In-Person Attendees (45 minutes)

12:45 p.m. > Bench Trials

45 minutes, 0.75 L&LP

- **Judge Andrea A. Darvas (Ret.)** – Darvas ADR, Bothell

1:30 p.m. > Closing Arguments

75 minutes, 1.25 L&LP

- **Thomas Vertetis** – Pfau Cochran Vertetis Amala PLLC, Tacoma

2:45 p.m. > Adjourn and Evaluations

REGISTRATION

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PAYMENT INFORMATION

- ☐ **NME260416SEA, attend in Seattle, 4/16/26 & 4/17/26**

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- ☐ **NME260416WEB, attend via webcast, 4/16/26 & 4/17/26**

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