

## 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\*

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

**IN-PERSON &  
WEBCAST**

### DESCRIPTION

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#### 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**

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**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**

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## REGISTRATION

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