



Washington State Association of Municipal Attorneys

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**BOARD MEETING**

**Time** 4:00 – 4:45 PM **Location:** Burrard Suite

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

**Time** 5:00 – 7:00 PM **Location:** Waterfront Foyer

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BOAT CRUISE**

**Time** 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Location:** Bayshore West Marina located in downtown Coal Harbour

**THURSDAY APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>**

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

**Time** 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM **Location:** Waterfront Foyer

**BREAKFAST**

**Time** 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM **Location:** Mackenzie Ballroom

**JOINT SESSION - THURSDAY APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>**

*Moderator: Judge Matthew J. Segal (ret.), Pacifica Law Group*

**Welcome by WSAMA President**

**Time** 8:00 – 8:30 AM **Location:** Waterfront Ballroom

**Speakers**

**A Judge’s Take on Dispositive Motions**

**Time** 8:30 – 9:30 AM **Location:** Waterfront Ballroom **CLE Credits:** 1.0 ETHICS

**Speakers** King Co. Superior Court Judge Mike Ryan & Roger Wynne, City of Seattle

**Description** Join King County Superior Court Judge Michael Ryan and his former Seattle City Attorney’s Office colleague Roger Wynne to explore four aspects of dispositive motions practice: preliminaries, briefing, oral argument, and sanctions motions. And don’t let them dictate the show; ask the questions you’ve wanted to ask a judge, but have been reluctant to pose in court.

**Legislative Update**

**Time** 9:30 – 10:00 AM **Location:** Waterfront Ballroom **CLE Credits:** 0.5

**Speakers** Joe Beck, City of Puyallup and Shannon McClelland, AWC

**Description**

**BREAK**

**Time** 10:00 – 10:15 AM **Location:** Waterfront Foyer

**Criminal Law Update**

**Time** 10:15 – 10:45 AM **Location:** Waterfront Ballroom **CLE Credits:** 0.5

**Speakers** Bradley Lane, TSRP, City of Seattle

**Description**

**Public Defense Case Loads: Complying with Court Rules and Keeping the System Running**

**Time** 10:45 – 11:15 AM **Location:** Waterfront Ballroom **CLE Credits:** 0.5

**Speakers** Anita Khandelwal and Scott Ferron, Pacifica Law Group

**Description**

**ETHICS: The Distinction Between Work Product and Attorney-Client Privilege in a Government Setting**

**Time** 11:15 – 12:00 PM **Location:** Waterfront Ballroom **CLE Credits:** 0.75 ETHICS

**Speakers** Kerala Cowart and Ghazal Sharifi, City of Seattle

**Description**



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**LUNCH**

**Time** 12:00 – 1:30 PM **Location:** Mackenzie Ballroom

**CIVIL SESSION – THURSDAY APRIL 23RD**

*Moderator: Jason Whalen, City of Auburn*

**ETHICS - When Decorum Breaks Down: Ethical Lawyering Amid Hostility and Misinformation**

**Time** 1:30 – 2:15 PM **Location:** Waterfront Ballroom **CLE Credits:** 0.75 ETHICS

**Speakers** Charlotte Archer, Inslee Best

**Description**

**Protecting Privacy in the Public Sphere**

**Time** 2:15 – 3:00 PM **Location:** Waterfront Ballroom **CLE Credits:** 0.75

**Speakers** Judge Matthew J. Segal (ret.) and Greg Wong, Pacifica Law Group

**Description** Public servants do not surrender their privacy rights merely by working in the public sector. Nor do members of the public forsake their rights merely by interacting with the government. But in our current digital age, the line between public and private has become increasingly blurred. Matt Segal will address the historic and evolving distinctions between the public and private sphere. Greg Wong

, whose practice focuses on emerging privacy issues, will cover privacy, security, and data-governance frameworks that apply to Washington municipalities - and how evolving technologies and operational practices are stress-testing them. The presentation will touch on current “hot topics” facing public entities, including surveillance technologies, data breaches and breach-notification obligations, employee monitoring and workplace technologies, biometric and sensitive data, and vendor and AI-related risk. The session will emphasize practical strategies municipalities can use to identify high-risk practices and manage exposure before issues surface through public records requests, breaches, or litigation.

**Bid Protests for Public Works Contracts: How to Avoid, Defend, and Win Protests**

**Time** 3:00– 3:30 PM **Location:** Waterfront Ballroom **CLE Credits:** 0.5

**Speakers** Kellen Patterson and Jonathan Schirmer, Ballard Spahr

**Description** This presentation will provide an overview of the bid protest process for public works construction projects. We will provide suggestions on how to structure bid documents to avoid bid protests, including how to avoid some of the most common bid protest topics. Finally, we will provide tips and tricks for defending and winning bid protests, with recent caselaw examples.

**BREAK**

**Time** 3:30 – 3:45 PM **Location:** Waterfront Foyer

**Crafting Skills for Drafting Bills: How to Issue Spot in Ordinances**

**Time** 3:45-4:30 PM **Location:** Waterfront Ballroom **CLE Credits:** 0.75

**Speakers** Brandon Isleib, City of Seattle

**Description** Dotting I's, crossing T's, and minding P's and Q's doesn't matter until you know whether those letters belong in the first place. This session covers the likely places issues will come up in drafting legislation, whether starting from scratch or from laws outside your municipality, as well as how those issues can appear when applying state law.

**Social Media and the First Amendment**

**Time** 4:30 – 5:00 PM **Location:** Waterfront Ballroom **CLE Credits:** 0.5

**Speakers** Kyla S. Bond, Kitsap County

**Description** What separates defensible moderation from unconstitutional viewpoint discrimination? In this session, we examine the practical mechanics of First Amendment compliance in municipal social media. Drawing from policy development and moderator training work with Washington cities, we focus on preserving public forum protections through defensible policy design, viewpoint-neutral enforcement, and disciplined documentation - including Public Records Act implications. We will identify the compliance risks cities are most likely to encounter and walk through how to structure moderation practices that withstand legal scrutiny, concluding with interactive hypotheticals testing whether common moderation decisions are defensible



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**THURSDAY RECEPTION**

**Time** 5:30 – 7:00 PM **Location:** Waterfront Foyer

**CRIMINAL SESSION – THURSDAY APRIL 23RD**

*Moderator: Polly Peshtaz, City of Redmond*

**Ethics: UVISA review and Potential Impeach Disclosure (for UVISAs)**

**Time** 1:30 – 2:30 PM **Location:** Cheakamus Room **CLE Credits:** 1.0 ETHICS

**Speakers** Michael Rio, Rio Foltz

**Description** This presentation addresses requests for a U Visa certification by victims as well as Brady obligations for prosecuting agencies. Participants will learn the requirements for certifying U Visa applications, how to navigate the requirement to disclose U Visa applications to defense counsel under Brady v. Maryland, ethics rules which apply to the disclosure of U Visa materials, and the implementation of best practices to ensure constitutional obligations are met.

**BREAK**

**Time** 2:30 – 2:45 PM **Location:** Cheakamus Room

**Video Evidence in Motions/Trials (Body Cams a Case Study)**

**Time** 2:45 – 4:00 PM **Location:** Cheakamus Room **CLE Credits:** 1.25

**Speakers** Michelle Rutherford, TSRP, Snohomish County

**Description** This session will focus on reviewing practical strategies for effective presentation of video evidence, including body worn cameras. We will review and discuss foundation, common objections, and practical considerations surrounding balancing media exhibits with testimony

**Therapeutic Courts Panel**

**Time** 4:00 – 5:00 PM **Location:** Cheakamus Room **CLE Credits:** 1.0

**Speakers** Geoff McCann, City of Mount Vernon and Hil Kaman, City of Everett

**Description** A panel discussion of therapeutic courts in Everett and Mount Vernon Municipal Courts. Topics include learned lessons, innovations, and how these types of court continue to evolve as new "best practices" are introduced.

**THURSDAY NIGHT RECEPTION**

**Time** 5:30 – 7:00 PM **Location:** Waterfront Foyer

**FRIDAY – APRIL 24TH**

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

**Time** 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Location:** Waterfront Foyer

**BREAKFAST**

**Time** 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM **Location:** Mackenzie Ballroom

**WSAMA ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING**

**Time** 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM **Location:** Waterfront Ballroom

**CIVIL SESSION – FRIDAY APRIL 24TH**

*Moderator: Brett Jette, City of Bremerton*

**Litigating a PRA case When Material Facts are in Dispute (Procedural Tools)**

**Time** 8:30 – 9:15 AM **Location:** Waterfront Ballroom **CLE Credits:** 0.75

**Speakers** Jessica Goldman, Summit Law Group and Jessica Leiser, City of Seattle

**Description**

**Municipal Authority to Collect Wealth, Income, and Head Taxes**

**Time** 9:15 – 9:45 AM **Location:** Waterfront Ballroom **CLE Credits:** 0.5



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**Speakers** Debra Casparian, City of Tacoma

**Description** This presentation will explore a municipality's excise tax authority and discuss a variety of revenue options.

**When Leave Laws Collide: Navigating the Impact of E2SHB 1213 on PFML, FMLA and Other Leave Laws**

**Time** 9:45 – 10:15 AM **Location:** Waterfront Ballroom **CLE Credits:** 0.5

**Speakers** Rachel Turpin, Madrona Law Group

**Description**

**BREAK**

**Time** 10:15 – 10:30 AM **Location:** Waterfront Foyer

**ETHICS - Managing Conflict Screens**

**Time** 10:30 – 11:00 AM **Location:** Waterfront Ballroom **CLE Credits:** 0.5 ETHICS

**Speakers** Steve DiJulio, Foster Garvey

**Description**

**Overview of the Recycling Reform Act**

**Time** 11:00 – 11:30 AM **Location:** Waterfront Ballroom **CLE Credits:** 0.5

**Speakers** McKenna Morrigan, City of Seattle and Shannon McClelland, AWC

**Description** The Recycling Reform Act passed in 2025 and is the first major change in the state’s recycling system since the advent of commingled recycling in the 1990’s. The law shifts financial responsibility for managing residential recycling programs from local governments to product and packaging producers. This session will provide an overview of the law, implications for all cities, including contracting considerations for those who contract for collection and/or processing; and what cities need to be ready for to take advantage of the cost reimbursement that will begin in 2030. It's a complex law with a 5-year runway—and actions cities will need to take along the way.

**Tort Law Update**

**Time** 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM **Location:** Waterfront Ballroom **CLE Credits:** 0.5

**Speakers** Dan Lloyd, Lighthouse Law Group

**Description** Whether a seasoned trial attorney or general practitioner advising municipal departments, it remains imperative to stay updated on how Washington’s municipalities can face liabilities to third-parties and what defenses exist to better prepare. This presentation will update the attendees on relevant case law over the past 12 months from the United States Supreme Court, Washington Supreme Court, and Washington Court of Appeals. It also forecasts decisions on the horizon at the Washington Supreme Court that may impact our municipal clients.

**CRIMINAL SESSION – FRIDAY APRIL 24TH**  
*Moderator: Brie Hopkins, City of Bellevue*

**Legislative Update DUI**

**Time** 8:30 – 9:00 AM **Location:** Cheakamus Room **CLE Credits:** 0.5

**Speakers** Michelle Rutherford, TSRP, Snohomish County

**Description** This session will briefly review some of the important legislative changes to impaired driving enforcement, including both State and Federal updates regarding licit substances, deferred prosecutions, oral fluid roadside testing, felony DUI changes, vehicle pursuits, intelligent speed assistance devices, IID, and CDL holders.

**10.77 Issues (Restoration, Forensic Navigators, Sell Hearing)**

**Time** 9:00-10:00 AM **Location:** Cheakamus Room **CLE Credits:** 1.0

**Speakers** Hil Kaman, City of Everett

**Description**

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### The Current State of the Confrontation Clause Since Hall-Haught

<b>Time</b>	10:15 – 11:00 PM	<b>Location:</b>	Cheakamus Room	<b>CLE Credits:</b>	0.75
<b>Speakers</b>	Bradley Lane, TSRP, City of Seattle				
<b>Description</b>					

### Voir Dire in Domestic Violence Cases

<b>Time</b>	11:00 – 12:00 PM	<b>Location:</b>	Cheakamus Room	<b>CLE Credits:</b>	1.0
<b>Speakers</b>	Brie Hopkins, City of Bellevue				
<b>Description</b>					