

Moving Toward Justice

Innovating Our Pre-trial Advocacy to Achieve Just Outcomes

As defenders, we know we are able to achieve better outcomes when we work in partnership with our clients and actively seek legal and holistic solutions for their cases long before they have their “day in court.” This year’s Defender Conference will help us build upon our legal and ethical skill sets as they relate to creative and zealous pre-trial advocacy in all practice areas. The curriculum will focus on building and enhancing skills that allow for the expansion of a defender’s pre-trial toolkit from charging and onward. We will address some of the broader ethical issues related to indigent defense representation, such as providing effective assistance of counsel at the intersection of the criminal justice system and the immigration enforcement system, and transforming justice systems that disproportionately impact people of color and low-income people. The breakout sessions are relevant to multiple practice areas and allow for cross over from one practice area to another. These sessions will provide content via presentations, hands-on-learning and written resource materials to enhance skill development in some of the following areas: investigation, use of experts, pre-trial motions, pre-trial release issues and forensics.



Goode

This year WDA is pleased to showcase three keynote speakers who embody what it means to be actively moving toward justice in our justice systems and in our communities at large. We will open the conference with **Sean Goode**, Executive Director of Choose 180. Through this non-profit, Sean collaborates with justice system players to provide second chances to youth and young adults engaged in the justice system, through participation in a workshop tailored to motivate participants to change. He has served the Greater Seattle area in a variety of capacities including gang intervention and prevention, juvenile chaplaincy, and educational advocacy.



Barón

On Saturday we will have the opportunity to hear from **Jorge L. Barón**. Jorge has served as the executive director of the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP) since April 2008, having previously worked as a staff attorney with the organization. Jorge’s

passion in advocating on behalf of immigrants is firmly rooted in his own immigrant experience. 2017 saw a dramatic shift in ICE enforcement for all noncitizens and even more so for those involved in the criminal justice system. Jorge will explore the ways that defenders are at the front lines of providing legal protection for noncitizen clients both inside and outside of the courtroom.



Gordon McCloud

Finally, we will wrap up our trio of leaders who are innovating justice system change and equity with **Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud**. She was elected to the Washington Supreme Court in 2012 after nearly 30 years as an accomplished appellate defense attorney. As the recipient of the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers’ highest award, the William O. Douglas Award, she was recognized for “extraordinary courage” in being willing to take on some of the toughest cases. As a Supreme Court Justice, she serves as Chair of the Washington State Gender and Justice Commission. Justice Gordon McCloud is a member of the Washington State Bar Association’s Council on Public Defense.

2017 Awards Ceremony

Please join us on Friday evening directly after the program for our 2017 Awards Ceremony. WDA is thrilled to again be hosting an open reception to honor this year’s recipients. Grab a drink, mingle with defenders from across the state, and help us celebrate.

President’s Awards:

Verna Hochstrasser for lifelong public defense work (King County Department of Public Defense)
Ronald Sergi for lifelong public defense work (Mason County Public Defender)

Certificates of Recognition for Special Success or Effort:

Nicole Beges - Pierce County Department of Assigned Counsel
David Bustamante - Grant County Public Defense
Katherine Hurley - King County Department of Public Defense
Anna Nordtvedt - Spokane County Public Defender
Michael Vander Giessen - Spokane County Public Defender

2018 DEFENDER CONFERENCE | PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Friday, April 27

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	WDA Member Meeting	
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	What's New for Defenders? Legislative, Policy, and Case Law Updates <i>Ramona Brandes, King County Department of Public Defense</i>	
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	I Don't Know Why She Swallowed A Fly: Changing the Narrative of Representation and Justice Reform <i>Sean Goode, Choose 180</i>	
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	BREAK	
3:15 pm – 4:00 pm	Re-envisioning Criminal Justice: Innovative Community Driven Partnerships and Pre-Trial Diversion Programs <i>Sean Goode, Choose 180; Patricia Sully, Public Defender Association, LEAD (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion); Camerina Zorrozuva, The Center for Justice and Smart Justice Spokane Coalition; Facilitated by: Hillary Behrman, Washington Defender Association</i>	
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm (Practice Area)	Mastering Complex Forensic Science to Insure Successful Pre-Trial Advocacy <i>Lauren McLane, Washington Defender Association</i> (Criminal, Investigators)	Youth and Emerging Adults: Bringing the Brain Science into Your Pretrial Advocacy <i>Cindy Arends Elsberry, Washington Defender Association; Kim Ambrose, University of Washington School of Law; Colleen O'Connor, King County Department of Public Defense</i> (Criminal, Investigators, Dependency, Juvenile)
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	ADJOURN	
6:30 pm	2018 Defender Conference Awards Ceremony	

Saturday, April 28

8:45 am – 10:00 am (Practice Area)	Hacking Experts—the What, the Who, the How, and the Why <i>Lauren McLane, Washington Defender Association</i> (Criminal, Dependency, Investigators, 71.09 & ITA)	How to Put the Cat Back in the Bag <i>Ali Hohman, Hohman Law Firm; Jill Malat, Office of Civil Legal Aid; and D'Adre Cunningham, Washington Defender Association</i> (Criminal, Dependency)	Juvenile Training Academy
10:00 am – 10:45 am (Practice Area)	ICE Dragnet Resistance Report: Crimes to Avoid and Strategies to Protect Your Clients <i>Ann Benson, Jonathan Moore, and Sara Sluszka, Washington Defender Association</i> (Criminal, Juvenile, Dependency & ITA)	Dependency Policy Update <i>Jill Malat, Office of Civil Legal Aid and D'Adre Cunningham, Washington Defender Association</i> (Dependency)	The Ethical Obligations and New Role of Counsel in Juvenile Cases <i>George Yeannakis, Washington State Office of Public Defense and Clarence Henderson, Pierce County Department of Assigned Counsel</i>
10:45 am – 11:00 am	BREAK		
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Resisting the Deportation Pipeline: Immigrants and Defenders at the Front Line • <i>Jorge Barón, Northwest Immigrant Rights Project</i>		The Ethical Obligations and New Role of Counsel in Juvenile Cases (continued)
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	LUNCH		LUNCH Juvenile Law Updates (12:30 pm – 1:30 pm) <i>Robert Boruchowitz, Seattle University School of Law and George Yeannakis, Washington State Office of Public Defense</i>
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm (Practice Area)	Motions to Suppress: Stops and Arrests Based on Information from Tipsters <i>Magda Baker, Washington Defender Association and Mark Conrad, Snohomish County Public Defender Association</i> (Criminal, Investigators, Juvenile)	Practical Implications of Invoking the 5th Amendment Privilege against Self-Incrimination in a Civil Proceeding <i>Ali Hohman, Hohman Law Firm; Jill Malat, Office of Civil Legal Aid; and D'Adre Cunningham, Washington Defender Association</i> (Criminal, Dependency, ITA & 71.09)	Winning the Case out of Court: Interactions with Probation Officers, Prosecutors, Judges, and Parents <i>Kim Ambrose, University of Washington School of Law and George Yeannakis, Washington State Office of Public Defense</i>
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Moving Toward Justice <i>Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud, Washington State Supreme Court Justice</i>		