2020 Defender Conference

Sparking Compassion: Defending Client Dignity and Humanity

April 24-25, 2020

Sun Mountain Lodge, Winthrop, WA

9.5 CLE Credits Requested from the WSBA
(1.5 Ethics Credits Possible)
As public defenders we know that no person should be defined solely by their worst act or decision. Yet our clients are constantly treated by the criminal justice system and society at large as evil, beyond the pale, and other. How can we counteract this pervasive lack of compassion and discrimination against our clients and their communities? How do we effectively represent our clients at each stage of their case without imposing our own judgements and opinions on them? What are some of the tools we can use to advocate for better legal outcomes and the humanity of all of our clients regardless of the nature of their charge or the circumstances of their lives?

The 2020 Defender Conference seeks to answer some of these questions through in-depth sessions that explore the unique legal and social challenges of representing individuals charged with violent offenses, domestic violence offenses and sexual offenses. Sessions will cover recent developments in the law, common evidence and opinions on them? What are some of the tools we can use to advocate for better legal outcomes and the humanity of all of our clients regardless of the nature of their charge or the circumstances of their lives?

We will learn from and engage in discussion with defenders, judges, academics, advocates and individuals directly impacted by criminal justice involvement. Leigh Goodmark will discuss policy arguments for decriminalizing domestic violence, and Jonathan Rapping will present the keynote address on the legal representation and mentorship to improve the quality of legal representation since its inception in 2007. He is also Professor of Law and Director of the Criminal Justice Certificate Program at the John Marshall Law School and Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard University Law School. He is a frequent contributor to the national conversation on criminal justice reform and the recipient of many awards and grants including a MacArthur Foundation “Genius” Grant. He is the author of Gideon’s Promise, a book that explores a cutting-edge vision for public defenders in the effort to transform the criminal justice system.

Leigh Goodmark is the Marjorie Cook Professor of Law at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. Professor Goodmark co-directs the Clinical Law Program, teaches Family Law, Gender and the Law, and Gender Violence and the Law, and directs the Gender Violence Clinic, a clinic providing direct representation in matters involving intimate partner abuse, sexual assault, trafficking, and other cases involving gender violence. Professor Goodmark’s scholarship focuses on intimate partner violence.


Jonathan Rapping is a nationally renowned criminal justice innovator who is the founder and president of Gideon’s Promise, a public defender advocacy organization that provides training, leadership development and mentorship to improve the quality of legal representation since its inception in 2007. He is also Professor of Law and Director of the Criminal Justice Certificate Program at the John Marshall Law School and Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard University Law School. He is a frequent contributor to the national conversation on criminal justice reform and the recipient of many awards and grants including a MacArthur Foundation “Genius” Grant. He is the author of Gideon’s Promise, a book that explores a cutting-edge vision for public defenders in the effort to transform the criminal justice system.

Justice Johnson began service on the Washington State Supreme Court in January 1991, and is the longest serving justice on the court. Justice Johnson was born in Tacoma, attended Curtis High School near Tacoma, and graduated from the University of Washington in 1974. He graduated from the University of Puget Sound School of Law in 1976, working his way through law school at a Tacoma lumber mill. He has served as chair of the Washington State Supreme Court’s Rules Committee since 1996. He has received numerous awards including the Washington State Bar Association’s William O. Douglas award for his years of judicial service. Justice Johnson is dedicated to supporting educational opportunities for disadvantaged children and youth.

What’s new at the 2020 Defender Conference?

We are very excited for you to join us at Sun Mountain for the 2020 Defender Conference! Along with the valuable and important programs you have come to expect at the conference, we are adding more opportunities to connect with your colleagues from around the state. This year the conference will include:

- The Leadership Development Pre-Conference on April 23 & 24
- Cross-disciplinary content for all practice areas
- Designated areas for practice area meetups
- Opportunities for one on one discussions with our keynote speakers
- A book signing by Jon Rapping, President of Gideon’s Promise
- Our interactive event app to help you connect with other attendees
- A guided morning hike through Sun Mountain’s trails
- The 2020 Awards Ceremony and Defender Karaoke!

This year’s conference will be fun, informational, and inspiring, and we hope it will help you make substantive connections with your colleagues and share your experiences with other defenders who are in the trenches doing the important work. We can’t wait to see you there!
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| 1:30–2:00 pm     | Understanding New Legislation that Directly Impacts your Public Defense Practice  
|                  | Presented by Neil Beaver, WDA & WACDL Lobbyist                           |
| 2:00–3:00 pm     | Gideon’s Promise: A Public Defender Movement to Transform Criminal Justice  
|                  | Presented by Jon Rapping, Founder and President, Gideon’s Promise          |
| 3:00–3:15 pm     | BREAK                                                                    |
| 3:15–4:15 pm     | Decriminalizing Domestic Violence: A Balanced Policy Approach to Intimate Partner Violence  
|                  | Presented by Leigh Goodmark, Professor of Law, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law |
| 4:15–5:30 pm     | Defending Failure to Register Cases  
|                  | Presented by Ali Hohman, Hohman Law Firm  
|                  | and Sam Wolf, King County Department of Public Defense                      |
| 5:30–6:00 pm     | No Contact Orders as Conditions of Release and Evidence in VNCO Trials  
|                  | Presented by Rachel Forde, Snohomish County Public Defender Association     |
| 6:00 pm          | 2020 Defender Community Gathering and Award Ceremony  
|                  | Heavy Appetizers Courtesy of WDA and Defender Karaoke!                   |
| 7:30–8:30 am     | Defenders on the Move: morning hike and other activities!               |
| 9:00–10:30 am    | Reflections on Client Centered Representation: Why it Matters.  
|                  | Presented by Jeremiah Bourgeois and Mike Trickey, Retired Judge, Washington State Court of Appeals |
| 10:30–10:45 am   | BREAK                                                                    |
| 10:45–12:00 pm   | Creative Representation and Sentencing Practices in Cases Involving Intimate Partner Violence  
|                  | Presented by Leigh Goodmark, Professor of Law, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law  
|                  | and Martina Kartman, Public Defender Association                           |
| 12:00–1:30 pm    | LUNCH BREAK AND OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES  
|                  | • Practice Area Meet Ups  
|                  | • Table Talks with Program Faculty  
|                  | (12:30 PM Lunch Program)  
|                  | • CLE - Advanced Deportation Defense for Non-citizens with Criminal Convictions  
|                  | Presented by Jonathan Moore, Immigration Resource Specialist, Washington Defender Association |
| 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm | Washington v. US – Leading the Pushback To Protect The Rights And Dignity of Our Immigrant Communities  
|                  | Ann Benson, Jonathan Moore and Sara Sluszka, WDA’s Immigration Project, Monserrat Padilla, WAISN Western WA Network Coordinator, and Brenda Rodríguez, WAISN Eastern WA Network Coordinator |
| 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm | Reflections from 30 Years on the Bench  
|                  | Washington Supreme Court Justice Charles W. Johnson                       |

**SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH, 2020**

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| 10:45–12:00 pm   | ANATOMY OF A CASE  
|                  | Strategies for No Show Witnesses in DV Cases  
|                  | Presented by Eric Mapes, Counsel for Defense of Chelan County             |
| 12:00–1:30 pm    | ANATOMY OF A CASE  
|                  | Addressing Prior Bad Act Evidence to Your Client’s Advantage (10:45 AM – 11:15 AM)  
|                  | Presented by Sam Wolf, Northwest Defenders Association Division            |
| 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm | ANATOMY OF A CASE  
|                  | Storytelling through Impeachment: Getting from the Lie to the Why (11:15 AM – 12:00 PM)  
|                  | Presented by Elbert Aull, King County Department of Public Defense         |
| 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm | ANATOMY OF A CASE  
|                  | Negotiations, Motions In Limine, & Knapstad  
|                  | Presented by Simmie Baer, Kimberly Ambrose, and George Yeannakis           |
| 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm | ANATOMY OF A CASE  
|                  | Disposition, Adolescent Development, Alternatives & Dispositions  
|                  | Presented by Simmie Baer, Kimberly Ambrose, and George Yeannakis           |
| 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm | ANATOMY OF A CASE  
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The Defender Conference welcomes and is relevant to public defenders, investigators and social workers in all practice areas.

Register at www.defensenet.org.

2020 Leadership Development Program, April 23rd and 24th

WDA is thrilled to offer our second annual Leadership Development Program. The purpose of the program is to develop defenders into effective leaders, advocates, and agitators to advance equity for clients and communities. The program is part of an ongoing partnership with Gideon’s Promise, JustLead Washington, and the Court Improvement Training Academy (CITA).

We will focus on building foundational skills for effective leadership, exploring the unique role of defenders in our justice system, and generating innovative ideas to support clients. We will identify opportunities for leadership within local and statewide defender communities.

We welcome any WDA member seeking to develop leadership skills regardless of experience, organizational status, or job description. We encourage both those in traditional leadership positions and those who are leading in other ways to join us. We are seeking diversity in geography, practice area, and lived experience from our participants. The program is highly interactive, and we are interested in having participants with different perspectives and goals. We strongly hope that those who attended last year will join us again and welcome new participants as well.

For more information about this program, our speakers, workshops, and content, visit www.defensenet.org.

Reservations
Call 800-572-0493 (Defender Group)
If all rooms are booked at Sun Mountain Lodge, please visit www.centralreservations.net or call 800-422-3048.

Directions to Sun Mountain
www.sunmountainlodge.com/how-to-find-us

Mountain Pass Road Information
Toll-Free 800-695-7623 or (206) 368-4499
Online at: www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/passes (valid October 15 – March 31 or as conditions change)

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Membership
WDA’s Defender Conference is open to members only. The membership fee is $200. If you wish to join WDA, please visit www.defensenet.org.

Alternatively, you can send a check or money order along with your contact information and we will contact you to process your membership.

If you have concerns about accessibility, please inform us below or let us know by April 9, 2019.