



Defender Conference 2024
Nuts and Bolts: Law and Skills You Can Use

Friday April 26th, 2024	
Time	Title and Presenter
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	<i>Defender Conference Kickoff, Orientation and Member Meeting</i>
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	<i>Legislative Update</i> Ramona Brandes, Attorney
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	<i>The State of Public Defense</i> Twyla Carter, Attorney-in-Chief and Chief Executive Officer of The Legal Aid Society
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Break
3:15 pm – 4:30 pm	<i>Search and Seizure: Using Article I, Section 7</i> Kathryn Russell Selk, Russell Selk Law Offices
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	<i>Discussing Plea Offers with Clients</i> Kimberly Ambrose, University of Washington School of Law
5:30 pm – 6:00 pm	<i>Defender Happy Hour in the Pasayten Foyer</i>
6:00 pm	<i>WDA 2024 Award Ceremony, Community Gathering and Defender Karaoke!</i> <i>Heavy Appetizers Courtesy of WDA</i>



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Saturday April 27th, 2024		
Time	Title and Presenter	
9:00 am – 10:00 am	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>You Can Make a Difference: What Criminal Defenders Should Know About 71.09</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sonja Hardenbrook, Hardenbrook Law and Jane Spencer, Pierce County Dept of Assigned Counsel</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Misdemeanor Felonies and Other Immigration Oxymorons</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jonathan Moore, Stacy Taeuber and Lori Walls, WDA's Immigration Project</p>
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Break	
10:15 am – 11:15 am	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Why Can't We be Friends? The Ethics and Practicalities of Working with Successor Counsel</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mick Woynarowski, Law Office of Mick Woynarowski, PLLC and Anna Tolin, Tolin Law Firm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Child Support Contempt of Court for Public Defenders</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ramona Brandes, Attorney</p>
11:15 am – 12:15 pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Quit Playing Defense! How to Humanize Your Client and Negotiate Effectively</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Brit Kreimeyer and Katie Colacurcio, Thurston County Public Defense</p>	
12:15 pm – 2:00 pm	Lunch	
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>First Appearance Advocacy</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Francis Adewale, Spokane City Public Defender</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Resentencing: Telling The Story of Transformation</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cindy Arends Elsberry and Percy Levy, WDA, and Arthur Longworth, Treehouse</p>
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Reflections from Over 30 Years on the Bench</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Washington State Supreme Court Justice Charles Johnson</p>	