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2025 DEFENDER CONFERENCE | Friday, April 25th

The Evidence Advantage: Strengthening Your Client's Story for Trial

<https://tinyurl.com/defcon2025>

Time	Title and Presenter	
1:15 pm - 1:30 pm	Defender Conference Kickoff, Orientation, and Member Meeting PASAYTEN	
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Legislative Update Ramona Brandes, Washington Defender Association PASAYTEN – 1.0 Law and Legal Credits	
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Keynote Speaker Christopher Poulos, Center for Justice and Human Dignity PASAYTEN – 1.0 Improving the Legal System Credits	
3:30 pm - 3:45 pm	BREAK	
3:45 pm - 4:45 pm	Who Qualifies as an Expert? Lei Young, WA State Office of Public Defense and Christopher Swaby, Clark County Indigent Defense PASAYTEN – 1.0 Law and Legal Credit	The Changing Landscape of Sentencing and Lessons from Resentencing Cindy Arends Elsberry, WDA METHOW – 1.0 Law and Legal Credit
4:45 pm - 5:45 pm	Object Anyway Michael Schuler, Heyman and Schuler PASAYTEN – 1.0 Law and Legal Credit	Preserving Your Client's Issues for Appeal: Motions in Limine and Misconduct Kathryn Russell Selk, Russell Selk Law Offices METHOW – 1.0 Law and Legal Credit
5:45 pm	Happy Hour followed by the 2025 WDA Awards and Defender Karaoke! PASAYTEN	

Saturday April 26, 2025			
TIME	Title and Presenter		
8:45 AM – 9:45 AM	Keeping Out Extrajudicial Statements in DV Cases and Beyond Nicole Dalton, Dalton Law Office PASAYTEN – 1.0 Law and Legal Credit	How “Character Evidence” Accelerates the Use of Bias and Propensity to Prove Parental Unfitness at Trial D'Adre Cunningham, WDA METHOW – 1.0 Equity Ethics Credit	
9:45 AM – 10:45 AM	The Science and Art of Presenting Medical Testimony Anna Samuel, King County DPD PASAYTEN – 1.0 Law and Legal Credit	Defending So-Called Bad Parents: Preventing Admission of Biased Character Evidence about Parenting Mistakes D'Adre Cunningham, WDA METHOW - 1.0 Law and Legal Credit	Advanced Topics in Crimmigration Law Stacy Taeuber, Lori Walls, Amy Kratz, Jonathan Moore, WDA CASCADE – 1.0 Law and Legal Credit
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	BREAK		
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Crawford: Cutting Through the Chaos to Define What is Testimonial for the Court Elbert Aull, Metropolitan Public Defender Services PASAYTEN – 1.0 Law and Legal Credit	Addressing Race in Voir Dire Ramona Brandes, WDA and Jason Lantz, Burg & Lantz METHOW – 1.0 Equity Ethics Credit	
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	LUNCH		
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	On the Topic of Opening Statements Mary Kay High, Pierce County Dept. Of Assigned Counsel and Pete Mazzone, Mazzone Law Firm PASAYTEN – 1.0 Law and Legal Credit		Defending Immigrants in a Time of Adversity Lori Walls, Stacy Taeuber, Amy Kratz and Jonathan Moore, WDA METHOW – 1.0 Law and Legal Credit
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Advising Clients About Testifying Arian Noma, The NOMA Firm PASAYTEN – 1.0 Law and Legal Credit	The Role of Forensic Linguistics in Criminal Cases Ann Wennerstrom, Wennerstrom Law METHOW – 1.0 Law and Legal Credit	Defender Wellbeing Rachel Cortez, Nat Jacob, Jonathan Patnode, WA State Office of Public Defense (ends 3:15 pm) CASCADE - 0.75 Personal Development Credits
3:30 PM – 3:45 PM	BREAK		
3:45 PM – 4:45 PM	What if Marie Kondo Was a Public Defender? Can the Six Basic Rules of Tidying Prevent Burnout and Maintain Joy? The Honorable Judge Linda W.Y. Coburn, WA Court of Appeals, Division 1 PASAYTEN - 1.0 Personal Development Credit		