

The Gender and Justice Commission has sponsored or co-sponsored the following educational programs from 2017 - present:

Year	Event	Title	Description	Faculty
2023	Standalone webinar	The Address Confidentiality Program: Practical Information for Judicial Officers	This webinar provides an overview of Washington's Address Confidentiality Program (ACP), including its history, program eligibility requirements, how the program works, and when judges might encounter ACP participants in their courtrooms.	Rozlyn Finfrock, Colleen Overton, Ret. Judge Anne Hirsch
2023	Judicial College	Gender-Based Violence: Applying Context to Proceedings	This session focuses on identifying and understanding the impact of gender-based violence and its dynamics, recognizing the impact of trauma, and application of trauma-informed practices.	Commissioner Terri Farmer, Judge Jacqueline Shea-Brown
2022	Fall Judicial Conference	Civil Protection Orders: Answering Your Questions	E2SHB 1320 and SHB 1901 made significant changes to Washington's protection order laws - now codified in Chapter 7.105 RCW - to promote greater access to justice and safety for litigants. Through facilitated discussion, faculty panelists will answer questions related to its implementation.	Hon. Timothy Fitzgerald, Judge Jeffrey Goodwin, Commissioner Jennie Laird, Ret. Judge Anne Levinson, Riddhi Mukhopadhyay
2022	Fall Judicial Conference	Holistic Approaches: Focus on Trauma Responsive Judging	Trauma-informed practices are important when working with those who have been exposed to traumatic events. Working with service providers and within the judicial branch to create and employ evidence-informed practices and approaches to providing trauma aware services continues to be a positive step forward in Washington Courts. The panel will discuss recognizing how a trauma response may manifest in your court proceedings with practical strategies to appropriately address; will share their experiences with the therapeutic court model they preside over; and will also address challenges that come before them in the therapeutic court setting.	Sarai Cook, Judge Adam Eisenberg, Judge Mary Logan, Judge Jeffrey Smith
2022	Standalone webinar	Washington's New Protection Order Law: Chapter 7.105 RCW	Provides a broad overview of changes made to the protection order process by E2SHB 1320 (2021) and SHB 1901 (2022), including definitions; jurisdiction and venue; filing; service; hearing procedures; duration, relief, and remedies; and orders to surrender and prohibit weapons.	Judge Jacqueline Shea-Brown, Judge Charles Short

<b>2022</b>	Judicial College (Virtual)	Domestic Violence: Applying Context to Orders	Faculty will address domestic violence topics and how they impact you, the judicial officer. The session will utilize videos, case scenarios, and group discussion to demonstrate the impact of domestic violence on individuals and families.	Judge Jacqueline Shea-Brown, Judge Patti Connolly-Walker
<b>2021</b>	Fall Judicial Conference	Sex Harassment at the Courthouse: How to be Part of the Solution...	Courthouses, like any other workplaces, are not immune from manifestations of sexual harassment. However, the judiciary faces additional complexities that can compound these problems, including extreme power differentials between judicial officers and other court personnel; the ability of judges to dramatically affect the careers of other court staff; and cultural challenges in providing meaningful education and oversight of powerful elected or appointed officials. The session will address the intersectionality of racism and socio/economic dynamics with sexual harassment.	J. Reiko Callner, Sarah Hale
<b>2021</b>	Fall Judicial Conference	Gender Justice Study	Over the last three years, the Gender and Justice Commission conducted a study of gender bias in Washington State courts. The study focused on the intersection of gender and other identities and experiences, such as race, sexual orientation, and poverty.	Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud, Marla Zink
<b>2021</b>	Fall Judicial Conference	Law, Justice, and the Holocaust: How the Courts Failed Germany	In the Museum's Law, Justice, and the Holocaust program, participants seek to critically examine the pressures faced by German jurists under the Nazis. Using legal decrees, judicial opinions, and case law of the period, they study the role of judges in the destruction of democracy and the establishment of the Nazi German state. This close scrutiny of the past provides a framework for the debate on the role of the judiciary in the United States today: What is the responsibility of judges to the legal system as a whole? What have been the challenges to a fair and impartial administration of justice in the United States today? What can judges do to ensure that the kinds of failures that led to the Holocaust do not happen here?	Dr. William F. Meinecke, Ann O'Rourke

2021	Standalone webinar	Innovation in DV Treatment	Building on the <i>What's New with DV Intervention Treatment</i> session presented at the 2021 DMCJA Spring Program, this one-hour presentation will provide information about Domestic Violence Moral Reconciliation Therapy (DV-MRT) and Okanogan County's remote treatment pilot. Researchers working with the Gender and Justice Commission recently completed an evaluation of court-based DV-MRT programs in Washington, and will share their promising findings about its efficacy. Faculty will also share practical information about program implementation for these alternatives that have helped meet the need for intervention in areas where traditional treatment programs do not exist, or for litigants who cannot afford treatment.	Mindy Breiner, Dr. Amelie Pednault, Judge Charles Short
2021	Access to Justice Conference	Gender Bias in Washington Courts: Reimagining Justice	The Washington State Supreme Court Gender and Justice Commission recently conducted a multi-year study of how the intersection of gender and race, ethnicity, poverty, and other identities impact access to justice and amplify inequities in the civil and criminal justice system in Washington. The Study, which will be published soon, analyzes Washington State and national data and research in almost thirty different priority areas, provides new original pilot projects and research, and has been grounded in the lived experiences of the most vulnerable justice system users. This session will focus on gender and incarceration, including barriers to accessing the courts as an incarcerated person. It will highlight key recommendations for eliminating the identified systemic biases and invite discussion.	Elizabeth Hendren, NJP Kimberly Mays, OPD Parent Representation Project
2021	DMCJA Spring Program	What's New with DV Intervention Treatment?	Participants will learn about the new WAC 388-60B governing domestic violence treatment standards, and related impacts on sentencing and compliance review. Participants will also have the opportunity to hear about innovative work happening related to domestic violence treatment around the state, including the legislatively-convened E2SHB 1163 and 1517 DV Work Groups.	Mark Adams, Judge Eric Lucas, Judge Mary Logan, Amie Roberts

<b>2021</b>	SCJA Spring Program	Meaningful Communication in Complicated Times	<p>This two-part session will provide examples of best-practices and tools to assist courts in providing meaningful language access to Deaf or Limited English Proficient (LEP) court customers participating in socially-distanced and/or video remote hearings and court services. Through the lens of judges, court staff and interpreters, participants will recognize linguistic, cultural, and technical barriers which impacts participation and comprehension, and what can be done to overcome those barriers.</p> <p>Special focus will be given to interpreting for emergency remote video and telephonic emergency hearings, such as DV protection order hearings and ex parte pro se communications with the court and hearings with parties who are LEP or deaf/hard of hearing.</p>	Judge Brett Buckley, Judge Jackie Shea-Brown, Frankie Peters, Tiffany Deaton, Donna Walker, Claudia A'Zar, Katrin Johnson
<b>2021</b>	Judicial College (Virtual)	Domestic Violence: Applying Context to Orders	Faculty will address domestic violence topics and how they impact you, the judicial officer. The session will utilize videos, case scenarios, and group discussion to demonstrate the impact of domestic violence on individuals and families.	Commissioner Indu Thomas, Judge Patti Connolly Walker
<b>2020</b>	DMCJA Spring Program	Implementing Changes in Weapons Surrender Laws in your Jurisdiction	This session will address a major recent change in the law on orders to surrender weapons (OTSW): the new requirement in SHB 1786 that all courts hold compliance review hearings after issuing orders. In addition to a brief overview of new requirements, a panel of judicial officers will share existing protocols from different jurisdictions. New practical tools (bench cards) will be provided, and participants will use these during small group exercises to explore how their courts may satisfy their legal obligations within existing resource limits.	Judge Jeffrey Goodwin, Judge Jeffrey Jahns
<b>2020</b>	Judicial College	Domestic Violence: Applying Context to Orders	Faculty will address domestic violence topics and how they impact you, the judicial officer. The session will utilize videos, case scenarios, and group discussion to demonstrate the impact of domestic violence on individuals and families.	Judge Anne Hirsch, Judge Patti Connolly Walker

<b>2020</b>	Judicial College	Comings & Goings	Attendees will participate in an interactive, simulated exercise—Coming & Goings—which will enable you to better identify the complex reasons behind the choices domestic violence victims make, including remaining in or returning to an abusive relationship.	Judge Anne Hirsch, Judge Patti Connolly Walker
<b>2019</b>	Appellate Spring Program	Judicial Opinion Writing in the 21st Century: Culturally Informed Opinions in An Increasingly Diverse Society	Judges write the narrative that reaffirms the Rule of Law in a free society – a society that is increasingly diverse in terms of race, gender and culture, and receives information in a variety of ways. Using video clips, interactive exercises, and legal opinions, this presentation explores how judges can deliver more readable, relevant and culturally informed opinions to an increasingly diverse and technologically sophisticated society.	Professor Robert Chang, UW Professor Lorraine Bannai, UW
<b>2019</b>	AWSCA Spring Program	Transgender People & The Courts: Ensuring Respect and Fairness	Transgender people face many barriers to justice, often based on misunderstanding and stereotypes. This session will provide an overview of what it means to be transgender and common concerns that the transgender population face when interacting with the legal system. The faculty will also discuss current legal issues particular to the transgender population and provide information to help court administrators respond to the public and ensure respectful treatment.	Isyss Honnen, TRANSform WA Dusty Weber LaMay, Lavender Rights Project
<b>2019</b>	DMCJA Spring Program	Evidence Issues in Domestic Violence Trials: Crawford and Beyond	This session will walk participants through common issues that may arise during a domestic violence trial and provide judicial officers with practical solutions. The session will engage participants using scenarios and responder questions. Faculty will incorporate issues including motions in limine, evidence issues, practical aspects of having the victim in the courtroom, and testimony.	Judge Jack Nevin Judge Kevil Hull

<b>2019</b>	DMCJA Spring Program	Sex Harassment Liability and Enforcement in the Age of #MeToo	This session will look at civil and judicial ethics liability issues in light of shifting attitudes toward sexual harassment. Experts in workplace liability and judicial ethics enforcement will update current law in both areas and make recommendations for policies, procedures, and good supervisory practices.	J. Reiko Callner, Washington State Commission on Judicial Conduct Sarah Hale, Ater Wynne
<b>2019</b>	DMCJA Spring Program	Neurobiology of Trauma in the Courtroom	Trauma – exposure to a distressing event, including experiencing or witnessing actual or threatened violence – can have lasting consequences. It can impact a person’s behavior and ability to interact with systems like the court. Faculty will provide an overview of the science and research behind the concept of the neurobiology of trauma, and introduce practical tips to improve the court experience for everyone, including those who have experienced trauma.	Dr. Chris Wilson Judge Shaun Floerke, 6 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District of Minnesota
<b>2019</b>	Fall Judicial Conference	Bail Reform: Why It's Needed, How to Do It	Most people in jail across the country, including in Washington, are awaiting trial. Yet, pretrial incarceration is contrary to the constitutional presumption of release. Studies show pretrial detention threatens jobs, housing, and family support, and makes recidivism more likely. This session will address: the harms of pretrial detention; federal constitutional and Washington bail law; interactive application of Washington Criminal Rule 3.2; reforms from other jurisdictions that have reduced their pretrial population without affecting public safety; and the cost savings of pretrial services over jail as outlined in the recent report of the Washington State Auditor’s Office.	Brandon Buskey, ACLU; Judge Theresa Doyle, King County Superior Court; Michael Huynh, Washington State Auditor's Office; Judge Mary Logan, Spokane Municipal Court; Judge Sean Patrick O'Donnell, Kind County Superior Court; Jeffrey Robinson, ACLU
<b>2019</b>	Fall Judicial Conference	Cruel and Unusual Punishment: Youth, Race, and the Law	This session will provide judicial officers information on the youth brain and physical development; the origin and impact of youth trauma; of the role that implicit and explicit bias plays in justice system encounters; and of the collateral consequences of judicial decisions on the youth, his/her community, and on society. This session will also provide judicial officers a road map to an improved and enhanced understanding of these issues. The session will provide critical information on restorative justice, diversion, and other alternatives that better meet the needs of youth, their families, and the community.	Professor Kimberly Ambrose, University of Washington Law; Judge LeRoy McCullough, King County Superior Court; Jeffrey Robinson, ACLU

<b>2019</b>	Fall Judicial Conference	The Crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG)	Learn about the crisis of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls in Washington State and what courts can do to be a part of the solution. Native American women are disproportionately affected by domestic violence and sexual assault, and a recent report showed that Washington was one of the worst in the nation at solving cases of missing and murdered Native American women — a responsibility that falls within the justice system. Participants will look into what is currently being done, projects occurring across tribal nations, and the judicial practice of tribal courts.	Annita Lucchesi, Executive Director, Sovereign Bodies Institute Chief Judge Cindy K. Smith, Suquamish Tribe
<b>2019</b>	Judicial College	Domestic Violence	Faculty will address domestic violence topics and how they impact you, the judicial officer. The session will utilize videos, case scenarios, and group discussion to demonstrate the impact of domestic violence on individuals and on families. Topics will include legal and behavioral definitions of domestic violence; trauma response; counterintuitive victim behavior; and common misperceptions about domestic violence. Substantive legal and procedural issues, such as types of protection orders; firearms surrender; cases involving children; evidence of domestic violence; and lethality assessment will be introduced and additional resources will be provided.	Judge Lori K. Smith, Judge Anne Hirsch
<b>2019</b>	Judicial College	Comings & Goings	Attendees will participate in an interactive, simulated exercise—Coming & Goings—which will enable you to better identify the complex reasons behind the choices domestic violence victims make, including remaining in or returning to an abusive relationship.	Judge Lori K. Smith, Judge Anne Hirsch
<b>2019</b>	SCJA Spring Program	Reducing Gun Violence by Upholding Protection Order Related Firearm Laws	Domestic violence offenders and firearms are a deadly combination—not just for survivors and their families, but also for law enforcement, the community, and offenders themselves (risk of suicide). Since the Washington State Legislature unanimously adopted the protection order firearms relinquishment law (RCW 9.41) in 2014, much has been done statewide to try to implement and enforce these laws with the goal of reducing preventable gun violence. This interactive session is designed to address the common issues judicial officers face on the increasing number of cases involving firearm relinquishment orders, including how to uphold protection order-related firearm laws while safeguarding due process.	Judge Jackie Shea-Brown, Sandra Shanahan, Regional Domestic Violence Firearms Enforcement Unit (RDVFEU), Kimberly Wyatt, RDVFEU

<b>2019</b>	SCJA Spring Program	Understanding the Role & Scope of Title 26 GALs	Guardians ad litem (GALs) can play an important role in family law matters, but how much do judicial officers understand their role? This session is designed to help judicial officers understand how GALs are trained, what their reports should include, and how to recognize when a report or testimony goes outside the scope of a GAL's expertise or role. Faculty will address the role of the court in ensuring GAL investigations are conducted fairly and adequately and that GAL fees not pose a barrier to access. Using case scenarios to highlight and showcase bias, faculty will also explore the potential for GAL bias against LGBTQ parents or children, parents or children of color, and victims of domestic violence and discuss how to address these biases.	Commissioner Jacquelyn M. High-Edward, Amy L. Perlman, Connolly Tacon & Meserve
<b>2018</b>	DMCJA Spring Program	Understanding Technological Misuse in Domestic Violence Cases, part 2	This session is a follow up to the 2017 DMCJA Spring Program session of the same name. Perpetrators of stalking and intimate partner abuse regularly misuse technology to harass, monitor, surveil, and terrorize. This interactive training will help judicial officers overseeing cases that involve survivors of domestic violence. A variety of telephonic, surveillance, and computer technologies will be addressed, along with an exploration of how different courts have dealt with admitting tech evidence.	Ian Harris, National Network to End Domestic Violence
<b>2018</b>	DMCMA (regionals)	Poverty Simulation	Staff from the Washington State Department of Commerce will be leading a Poverty Simulation Training for the DMCMA 2018 Regionals. This simulation is designed to help participants better understand the realities, complexities, and frustrations of living in poverty day to day. The experience will help those who frequently deal with low-income individuals and families. During the simulation, participants will take on the lives of low income families.	Washington State Department of Commerce staff
<b>2018</b>	DMCMA (conference)	Transgender People & The Courts: Ensuring Respect and Fairness	Transgender people face many barriers to justice, often based on misunderstanding and stereotypes. This session will provide an overview of what it means to be transgender and common concerns that the transgender population face when interacting with the legal system. The faculty will also discuss current legal issues particular to the transgender population and provide information to help court staff ensure respectful treatment.	David Ward, Legal Voice Jeremiah Allen, TRANSform WA Isyss Honnen, TRANSform WA Any Morgan, NJP



<b>2018</b>	Fall Judicial Conference	Procedural Justice: Fair Treatment Matters	This program will provide judicial officers information about the importance of the perceived fairness of court procedures and interpersonal treatment of litigants, otherwise known as procedural justice. Research shows that procedural justice is the primary factor in litigants' willingness to accept and comply with decisions. Increased compliance means: fewer violations, reduced recidivism, smaller dockets, and cost and resource savings. This session will address the practical application of the research on procedural justice to Washington State judicial officers, using examples from the field.	Ms. Emily Gold-LaGratta, Center for Court Innovation
<b>2018</b>	Fall Judicial Conference	Immigration's Impact on the Judiciary: Implementing New Evidence Rule 413	New Evidence Rule 413 (Immigration Status) takes effect in September 2018. This session will prepare judicial officers to implement the rule. It will also address related issues that the geographically and economically diverse immigrant population in Washington State may face when accessing the courts. Topics include: the legal landscape of immigration enforcement and the importance of correct translation and interpretation in court proceedings. In addition to reviewing this complex and mobile area of the law, this session will discuss practical policies and procedures to increase access to the courts for immigrant litigants.	Grace Huang, API Center on Gender Based Violence Professor Ann Murphy, Gonzaga Judge Ketu Shah Judge Shelly K. Speir
<b>2018</b>	Judicial College	Domestic Violence	This session explores the dynamics of intimate partner violence and the role of the judicial officer in developing clear and concise orders, surrender of weapons, and impact on children.	Judge Charles D. Short, Judge Lori Kay Smith
<b>2018</b>	Judicial College	Comings & Goings	Attendees will participate in an interactive, simulated exercise—Coming & Goings—which will enable you to better identify the complex reasons behind the choices domestic violence victims make, including remaining in or returning to an abusive relationship.	Judge Charles D. Short, Judge Lori Kay Smith
<b>2018</b>	SCJA	Court Access for Incarcerated Parents	This session will build upon the 2016 SCJA Program session entitled, Children of Incarcerated Parents: Keeping Families Connected. As a result of that session and other work of the Incarcerated Women and Girls Committee, the Gender and Justice Commission convened a group of almost fifty stakeholders in June 2017. The objective for this event was to remove barriers that exist institutionally within the courts and prison systems, and to create a statewide procedure for incarcerated parents to remotely participate in their family law and	Elizabeth Hendren, NJP Susie Leavell, DOC Kimberly Mays, OPD Parent Representation Project

			dependency cases. Faculty will present on what was learned at the event and their progress toward creating a statewide procedure.	
<b>2018</b>	SVJA	Immigration's Impact on the Judiciary	This presentation will review the complex and mobile topic of immigration law, with an emphasis on policies to increase access to the courts for crime victims. Presenters will review the current landscape of immigration enforcement in Washington State and how executive orders and Homeland Security actions are affecting courtrooms. They will address issues unique to immigrant crime victims, including a judicial officer's role in U Visa Certification. Practical information on courthouse procedures will be shared, including the role of the court-appointed interpreter and procedures for scheduling interpreters which may expose immigrant litigants to immigration enforcement encounters. Finally, this session will help judicial officers begin preparation for implementing new Evidence Rule 413 regarding immigration status, which takes effect in September 2018.	Milena Calderari-Waldron, Interpreter, Grace Huang, API Institute on Gender based Violence, Judge David Estudillo
<b>2018</b>	AWSCA	Immigration's Impact on the Judiciary	This presentation will review the complex and mobile topic of immigration law, with an emphasis on policies to increase access to the courts for crime victims. This will include an overview of the ways that immigration law intersects with state courts and a review of the current landscape of immigration enforcement in Washington State. Presenters will address issues unique to immigrant crime victims, including a judicial officer's role in U Visa Certification. Practical information on courthouse procedures will be discussed, including the role of the court-appointed interpreter and procedures for scheduling interpreters which may expose immigrant litigants to immigration enforcement encounters. Finally, this session will briefly touch on new Evidence Rule 413 regarding immigration status, which takes effect in September 2018.	Sara Sluszka, Washington Defender Association, Milena Calderari-Waldron, Interpreter, Grace Huang, API Institute on Gender Based Violence

<b>2017</b>	Appellate Spring Program	Towards Collegiality: Individuality and Teamwork	Using hypotheticals and participatory activities, the first of these two sessions highlights common interactions, both pleasant and difficult, among judicial colleagues and staff and identifies skills and personal attributes that can be helpful in dealing with them. Using a conversational format, the second session draws upon the perspective of experienced appellate judges whose interpersonal and conflict management skills are widely respected by the people with whom they work.	Judge Richard Clifton, 9th Circuit, United States Court of Appeals Judge Jeremy Fogel, North District, United States District Court Judge Margaret McKeown, 9th Circuit, United States Court of Appeals
<b>2017</b>	DMCJA Spring Program	Understanding Technological Misuse in Domestic Violence Cases	Perpetrators of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking regularly misuse technology to harass, monitor, surveil, and terrorize. This interactive training will help judicial officers who oversee cases involving survivors of domestic violence understand what technologies are being used and how it is impacting survivor safety. A variety of telephonic, surveillance, and computer technologies will be addressed, along with an exploration of the role of judicial officers in responding to technology and domestic violence.	Ian Harris, National Network to End Domestic Violence
<b>2017</b>	DMCMA (7 regionals)	Sexual Assault/Trauma Informed Customer Service	Line staff including clerks & security officers received training on sexual violence 101, Sexual Assault Protection Orders, neurobiology of trauma, and a trauma-informed response to court customers.	Emily Cordo, Sexual Violence Law Center (SVLC); Riddhi Mukhopadhyay, SVLC
<b>2017</b>	Fall Judicial Conference	Transgender People & The Courts: Ensuring Respect and Fairness	Transgender people face many barriers to justice, often based on misunderstanding and stereotypes. This session will provide an overview of what it means to be transgender and common concerns that the transgender population face when interacting with the legal system. The faculty will also discuss current legal issues particular to the transgender population and provide information to help judicial officers and court staff ensure respectful treatment of those who appear before them.	Marsha Botzer, Ingersoll Gender Center, Aiden Key, Gender Diversity Education and Support Services David J. Ward, Legal Voice

<b>2017</b>	Fall Judicial Conference	The Impact of Domestic Violence on Children	Professor Edleson will review the research on children’s exposure to adult domestic violence. This will include children’s involvement in these events, calling for help or fighting with the abuser themselves, and what is known about the overlap between child maltreatment and domestic violence in the same families. He will review trends in legislation and programs responding to these children and their families and draw on his three decades of extensive national and international work on changing policies and practices in response to children exposed to violence in their families.	Dr. Jeffrey L. Edleson, School of Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley
<b>2017</b>	Judicial College	Domestic Violence	Explore the dynamics and considerations of domestic violence and the role and responsibility the judicial officer has in court and in the community related to domestic violence issues.	Judge Charles D. Short, Judge Lori Kay Smith
<b>2017</b>	Judicial College	Comings & Goings	Attendees will participate in an interactive, simulated exercise—Coming & Goings—which will enable you to better identify the complex reasons behind the choices domestic violence victims make, including remaining in or returning to an abusive relationship.	Judge Charles D. Short, Judge Lori Kay Smith
<b>2017</b>	SCJA	In the News...	Using examples from current events, judicial officers will learn about the complexities of practicing cultural competence in protection order proceedings and procedural justice. As a result of this session, judicial officers will be able to incorporate measures to promote understanding of the protection order process, and practical and cost-efficient ways to make the protection order process more accessible to litigants.	Beth Helm, NJP Laura Jones, KCSARC, Judge Raquel Montoya-Lewis