

Justice & Journalism

Building Trust Between Courts and Media

Friday, May 30, 2025

Clark College, Clover Park Technical College, Columbia Basin College, North Seattle College,
Spokane Falls Community College, Wenatchee College, Whatcom Community College

8:30 a.m.	Registration
8:55 a.m.	Welcome From Facilitators
9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.	Welcome Chief Justice Debra Stephens, Washington Supreme Court
9:05 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	<u>Lifecycle of a Case</u> Panelists: Judge Timothy Ashcraft, Pierce County Superior Court and Chris Gaddis, Pierce County Superior Court Administrator Moderator: Judge Patrick Johnson, Spokane County District Court The panelists will explain the life cycle of a case, how a case makes it through superior court, how to work with the media through a high-profile case, who the media should contact, and the importance of having protocols in place when the media calls.
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	<u>Tools That Strengthen Our Working Relationships</u> Panelists: Kathy George, Johnston George LLP, Austin Jenkins, Pluribus News, and Elis Sanders, Law Clerk – U.S. District Court Moderator: Judge Judith Ramseyer (Ret.), King County Superior Court Our panelists are uniquely qualified to speak about specific needs and opportunities to build stronger and productive working relationships between courts and the media. They have worked on both sides of the equation as successful journalists, as lawyers and judicial law clerks, and have built relationships with members of all branches of our state government. They will share their thoughts on essential practices that are achievable and effective.
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<u>Fire Brigade</u> Panelists: Judge Robert Jourdan, Chelan County Superior Court, Judge Breean Beggs, Spokane County Superior Court, Judge David Keenan, King County Superior Court, and Judge Brandon Johnson, Walla Walla Superior Court Moderator: Judge Richard Okrent, Snohomish County Superior Court The panelists will explain what the Fire Brigade does and will share the most common questions the Fire Brigade receives, as well as answer questions from the audience during a Q&A session.
12:00 p.m.	Adjourn