

Civil Dispute Management:

A comprehensive look at varying one's approach to each case so it is tailored to the client's true needs and best interests. This program will explore a wide range of topics from drafting dispute resolution language to handling the disputed case headed for trial. Take time to discover innovations, tips, practices, fresh ideas and brainstorming to improve our practices & legal system.

Friday, December 4, 2009; 8:30am – 4:00pm
5.25 CLE Credits (Includes .5 Ethics CLE Credit)

Seattle University School of Law, Sullivan Hall, Lower Court Level, Room C5
901 12th Avenue, Seattle (On 12th Avenue between Marion and Columbia)

Who Should Attend:

Anyone involved in civil disputes, e.g. litigators, mediators, arbitrators, judges, negotiators, transactional attorneys, collaborative and cooperative attorneys, mental health professionals, parenting evaluators, accountants and business appraisers.

Areas of Practice Covered:

All civil practice areas, e.g. personal injury, business, employment, estate disputes and family law.

Program format:

This is an exciting upbeat interactive program. Panels of presenters from different practice areas will offer interactive presentations and discussions between themselves and the attendees. The focus is what works, what's new and how we can improve our practices and the legal system. Moderator Marguerite (Maggie) Smith will keep up a brisk pace and facilitate a dialogue and exchange of ideas amongst presenters and attendees.

Submit Questions Ahead of Program: E-mail questions ahead of the event to request that specific issues be addressed to: demontek@seattleu.edu. Include the words "Dec 4 Question" in the subject line. Active audience participation is encouraged. A summary of discussions will be circulated to members of the Bench after the program.

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8:30am Registration with Coffee & Light Refreshment Service

9:00am Welcome and Introduction:
Program Chairperson, Marguerite (Maggie) Smith

9:15am **Session 1: Collaborative Law**

Presenters: Jeff Bean, Holly Hohlbein and Mark Weiss will explore the evolution of Collaborative Law and how it can be used effectively in commercial, general civil, as well as family disputes. Your comments about WA State's adoption of the proposed Uniform Collaborative Law Act will be invited.

10:00am **Session 2: Cooperative Law and Process**

- What is Cooperative Law/Process?
- Flexx Cooperative Law and Win 2: Two practice models of Cooperative Law.
- A Washington State Model Agreement. Do we need one/want one? Your comments are invited.

Presenters: University of Missouri Professor John Lande, along with attorneys Marguerite (Maggie) Smith and Sevilla Claydon will discuss the history, development and current practice models of Cooperative Law. They will also introduce a proposed Washington Model Cooperative Agreement for comment by audience and panel.

10:45am Refreshment Break

11:00am **Session 3: Mediation and Arbitration**

Tips on how and when these approaches can be used to minimize contact with the Courthouse. The panel will also discuss modern developments and use of each of these methods together with the mediation through to arbitration approach.

Panelists from several practice areas: Fred Butterworth from JAMS, Commr. Gaddis (Retired) and Gregg Bertram

11:45am Lunch on your own

1:00pm **Session 4: Interviewing the Client**

How to ascertain which approach is the best one for the client.

Panelists: Commissioner Gaddis (retired), Jeff Bean, Holly Hohlbein, and Marguerite (Maggie) Smith will explore best approaches, practices and processes.

1:30pm **Session 5: The Art of the Negotiator**

Presenter: Thomas Elzey, Alexander Hutton, Mergers and Acquisitions, Seattle.

A veteran negotiator from the Mergers and Acquisitions community provides helpful tips on how to get to and maximize your settlement.

2:00pm Refreshment Break

2:15pm **Session 6: Drafting in Anticipation of Disputes**

To what extent can you or should you prepare for and attempt to avoid disputes in drafting documents?

Presenters: Sara Sandford and Akane Suzuki will discuss commercial contracts and estate planning documents.

2:45pm **Session 7: Ethics & Professionalism in Civil Dispute Management**

Professor Elizabeth Ford, Seattle University School of Law

3:20pm **Session 8: Full audience and panel discussion.**

Questions and brainstorming on all topics presented during the day with prior speakers, including questions and comments submitted via email to demontek@seattleu.edu. (Emailed questions should have the words "Dec 4 Question" in the email subject line. Emailed questions are invited from registered attendees, as well as those not able to attend).

4:00pm Evaluations & Adjourn



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