

Construction Law Section Annual Seminar

Construction Law Updates, Public Works Issues, and Judicial Perspectives on Litigation in an Evolving Courtroom

WEBINAR – Friday, June 10, 2022

This program has been accredited in Washington and Oregon for 7 CLE credits (6 general, 1 ethics).

SCHEDULE

8:25 a.m. Welcome and Introductions by Program Co-Chairs - 5 min

Ron English – Seattle Schools, Retired General Counsel
Bart Reed – Stoel Rives, Seattle

8:30 a.m. The Ethics of Lying - 60 min

“I cannot tell a lie – or can I?” When is a lie a lie or just harmless puffing? An interactive ethics presentation on the ethics of lying, based on the Rules of Professional Conduct as well as modern ethical thinking.

Chris Soelling – Soelling Law, Seattle

9:30 a.m. Washington Legislative Update - 30 min

Discussion of new laws from the 2022 Legislative Session that impact the construction industry and construction law professionals (contractors, public works, employment, environment, etc.).

Steve Goldblatt – In Memoriam

Athan Tramountanas – Ogden Murphy Wallace, Seattle

10:00 a.m. Break - 15 min

10:15 a.m. Bid and Proposal Protests and Litigation - 60 min

Discussion and comparison of bid protests at the state and federal level including considerations in selecting which venue to protest a federal contract award.

Ellie Perka – Lane Powell, Seattle

Jonathan Schirmer – Lane Powell, Seattle

11:15 a.m. Notice and Termination Issues - 45 min

Claim notice requirements in Washington public works contracts and ending the relationship: the risks and benefits associated with terminating a contract.

Colm Nelson – Stoel Rives, Seattle

Geoff Palachuk – Perkins Coie, Seattle

12:00 p.m. Construction Law Section Update and Lunch Break - 30 min

Colm Nelson – Construction Section Chair, Stoel Rives, Seattle

12:30 p.m. Judicial Panel – View from the Bench - 60 min

This distinguished panel will share their perspectives on how trial and appellate practice continue to evolve in response to COVID-19.

Hon. Beth Andrus – Chief Judge of Division One Court of Appeals, Seattle

Hon. Tanya Thorp – Chief Civil Judge, King County Superior Court, Seattle

Hon. Jim Rogers – Judge, King County Superior Court, Seattle

1:30 p.m. UCC Applications to Construction Projects - 30 min

UCC Article 2 (RCW 62A.2) has everyday application on construction projects through contractors' purchase orders. In a time of supply chain issues and materials shortages, learn some UCC Article 2 basics.

Todd Henry – Insee Best, Bellevue

2:00 p.m. Break - 15 min

2:15 p.m. COVID-19 Impacts on the Construction Industry and Workforce - 45 min

Discussion will include force majeure issues arising from COVID-19, both in terms of owner-contractor and contractor-supplier issues, the status of state and federal COVID-19 vaccine mandates, and requests for equitable adjustments on federal contracts that seek compensation for COVID-19-related expenses and costs.

Chris Slottee – Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, Anchorage

3:00 p.m. Developments in Design Build and GCCM Contracting - 30 min

Scott Sleight – Ahlers Cressman & Sleight, Seattle

3:30 p.m. Case Law Updates - 60 min

Discussion of recent cases of interest addressing the following topics: Arbitration, Attorneys' Fees, Contract Termination, Lien and Bond Claims, Public Bidding, Spearin Doctrine, Spoliation of Evidence, and other topics of interest.

Paul Cressman – Ahlers Cressman & Sleight, Seattle

Josh Lane – Ahlers Cressman & Sleight, Seattle

4:30 p.m. Adjourn Seminar

Seminar is webinar only

Registration will be online only through the Eventbrite link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wsba-construction-law-section-annual-seminar-registration-267895431447>

Registrants will receive the login information a day or two in advance of the webinar. We encourage early registration.

Section Member, \$125

Section Member, new/govt./small firm, \$95*

Non-Section member, \$150

Non-section member, new/govt./small firm, \$120*

Materials included with price of tuition.

*Attorneys who have been admitted to practice in Washington for fewer than five years, or are government employees, or who work at a firm of five lawyers or fewer, are eligible to receive the reduced tuition.

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