

**Benton & Franklin Counties
Office of Public Defense
In-House Training**

Fall 2014 CLE Seminar

Program Outline

- 10:00-11:00 (Benton/Franklin Health Department Classroom)
Lecture/Workshop “*Mt Vernon Part 2: Tracking Important Metrics, Statewide Trends and Upcoming Contractual Changes*”
Presented by **Eric Hsu, Public Defense Manager, Benton & Franklin Counties Office of Public Defense**
- 11:00-12:00 (Benton/Franklin Health Department Classroom)
Lecture/Workshop “*Overcoming the Emotional Hurdles and Costs of Being Responsible for Other People’s Lives*”
Presented by **Larry Stephenson, Attorney at Law**
- Lunch break: 12:00-1:00**
- 1:00-2:00 (Benton/Franklin Health Department Classroom)
Workshop “*Better Collaboration Protocols for Competency Evaluation to Best Serve Our Clients and Minimize Delays*”
Presented by **Eric Hsu, Public Defense Manager, Benton & Franklin Counties Office of Public Defense**
- 2:00-3:30 (Benton/Franklin Health Department Classroom)
Lecture/Workshop “*Best Practices for Working with Eastern State Hospital for Competency Evaluations under RCW 10.77*”
Presented by **Andrea “Andi” Utigard, Assistant Attorney General, Program Attorney for Eastern State Hospital.**

Eligibility

This seminar is **ONLY** open to public defenders who are employed by, or hold a public defense contract with, the Benton & Franklin Counties Office of Public Defense. **Note:** the last session (2:00-2:30) is open to prosecutors and judges.

This program is pending approval for 4.5 General, Live CLE Credits.

PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

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Mr. Stephenson's biography, as personally written by him:

I was raised in the Tri-Cities from about 6th grade on. After high school I got married and at about age 20-12 I started an apprenticeship with the pipefitters. I became a pipefitter journeyman and worked out in the Hanford area for approximately 6 years. I had decided that I did not want to continue working in that field all my life so I went to Spokane with my then wife and children and finished my undergraduate degree at Gonzaga University and then went to law school at Gonzaga.

I passed the bar in 1975 and have been practicing law in the Tri-Cities since that time. IN addition to defending criminal cases I also did civil work, personal injury, divorce, bankruptcy, and almost everything else that walked or crawled into the office. I started out working for a very good law firm who believed in trying every case and sticking up for the under-dogs. For the past 10-12 years, however, I have focused more on criminal work and slowly quit representing people in other areas.

I have always been fascinated by good trial lawyers. I went to a lot of seminars presented by many good trial lawyers in the hopes that some of their skill would rub off on me. I'm not sure that actually happened though I have been accused by some attorneys of having the ability to "schmooze" jurors. I have tried everything from Murder in the First Degree on down. I have practiced criminal law in many counties throughout the State of Washington.

I have a PhD in procrastination and I certainly do not recommend that disease to anybody. From the time I take a criminal case until it is completed my fear and anxiety levels are very high. Sometimes they almost paralyze me.

I was fortunate to have many mentors along the way who influenced me, not so much by their teaching, but by their integrity and their willingness to help me and others who were still trying to figure out how to be a trial lawyer. Most of the good trial lawyers that I started out with were part of the "greatest generation" and the fact that they made it through the depression and WWII made it a lot easier for them to not be afraid of anything, much less a tough trial.

If I have any skill it is probably in the area of getting to know and understand people. I'm not a very good analytical lawyer and therefore have to rely on my instincts and intuition.

I take considerable satisfaction when I'm able to help a client get a good result in their case, especially if they are in the process of making a real change in their life. I also take it very personal when I do not succeed in helping the client. I would like to believe that I have helped more than those that I have not. That's the reason I continue working at age 71.

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Andrea "Andi" L. Utigard, Assistant Attorney General, earned an undergraduate degree in Sociology from Eastern Washington University and a law degree from Gonzaga University School of Law in 2002. Andi joined the Spokane Division of the Attorney General's Office in 2007 as the program attorney for Eastern State Hospital. She is responsible for providing legal advice to Eastern State Hospital and representing the hospital in civil commitment cases and guardianship matters. Andi advises Eastern State Hospital and the Office of the Secretary of Social and Health Services on issues related to RCW 10.77 and represents Eastern State Hospital in 10.77 matters in all of Eastern Washington.

She began her legal career as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in Adams County and worked in the private sector as a criminal defense attorney prior to joining the Attorney General's Office. Andi is originally from Okanogan County and worked in community mental health there prior to receiving her law degree.

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Eric manages the Benton & Franklin Counties Office of Public Defense and has held that position since December, 2008. Prior to being in that position, Eric has held numerous criminal justice-related positions including 6 years as a felony prosecutor (where he presented over 80 jury trials), 2 years as a police legal advisor, 5 years as a police legal instructor, and 2 years as a police officer. Eric has also spent almost 4 years on the faculty of the National District Attorney's Association through which he has instructed hundreds of prosecutors throughout the country on search and seizure and trial advocacy topics including practical instruction at the National Advocacy Center formerly in Columbia, South Carolina. Eric holds a J.D. from the University of Oregon (1997) and a Bachelor's Degree in Business from the University of British Columbia (1994).