

20TH ANNUAL FEDERAL CIVIL PRACTICE SEMINAR

SPONSORED BY THE BENTON-FRANKLIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Friday, May 15, 2026

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Richland Federal Courthouse

Lunch provided (for those who register by May 7)

825 Jadwin Ave., Richland, WA

Non-Refundable Registration Fee:

\$150 if register by April 30

\$175 if register after April 30

***6 CLE Credits:**

including 1 Ethics Credit

(*pending WSBA approval)

Register

Register online at:

[Benton Franklin County Bar Association 20th Annual Civil CLE](#)

Questions: contact Eric Grossfeld,
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Agenda

- 9:00 am **Welcome**
- 9:05 am **Case Law Update**
Judge Mary Dimke, Magistrate Judge Alexander Ekstrom, and Magistrate Judge James Goeke
- 10:05 am **Section 1983 Litigation: legal issues**
Tom Miller, Keating, Bucklin, & McCormack
- 10:45 am **Break**
- 11:00 am (cont'd) **Section 1983 Litigation: client challenges and trial strategies**
- 11:45 am **Catered lunch - Courthouse Cafeteria**
- 1:00 pm **EDWA Updates**
*Casey Bruner, Riverside NW Law Group
Diana Garcia, Columbia Legal Services*
- 1:10 pm **Clients, Trials, and Ethics: Navigating Professional Responsibility**
Vicky Vreeland, Vreeland Law
- 2:10 pm **Persuasive Psychology and Moral Foundation Theory**
Jay McEntire & Colin Prince, Connelly Law
- 2:50 pm **Break**
- 3:00 pm (cont'd) **Persuasive Psychology and Moral Foundation Theory**
- 3:45 pm **Ask-the-Judges Panel: advocacy tips**
Chief Judge Stan Bastian, Judge Rebecca Pennell, Magistrate Judge Ekstrom, and Bankruptcy Judge Whitman Holt, moderated by Magistrate Judge Goeke
- 4:30 pm **Adjourn**