

# Judicial Institute

for High School and Middle School Teachers

The United States District Court • Eastern District of Washington



Spokane, Washington • May 7- 8, 2026

## Day One • Thursday, May 7th

7:00 am	Continental Breakfast and Registration <i>Jury Assembly Room , Rm 751</i>
7:30 am	<b>Welcome</b> —Introductions & Program Objectives <i>Chief Judge Stanley A. Bastian</i>
8:00 am	<b>Understanding the Court System: The Difference between State and Federal Court/Constitution</b> <b>How Criminal Cases Move Through Federal Court Recap</b> <i>Magistrate Judge Alexandar C. Ekstrom</i>
9:00 am	<b>Search Warrants</b> <i>Magistrate Judge James A. Goeke</i>
10:00 am	Break
10:15 am	<b>Preparing for Change of Plea and Sentencing Hearings</b> <i>USAO: Alison Gregoire</i> <i>FPD: Andrea George/Steve Roberts</i>
12:00 pm	Lunch—Hosted at the Courthouse—Prepare Lesson Plans
1:00 pm	<b>Changes of Plea Hearing/Sentencing</b> <i>Judge Rebecca L. Pennell</i> <i>Q &amp; A Session</i>
2:15 pm	<b>USAO Fentanyl Crisis</b> <i>Stephanie Van Marter</i>
3:15 pm	Break
3:30 pm	<b>Appeals Litigation</b> <i>Judge Salvador Mendoza, Jr. &amp; Senior Judge Richard Tallman, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit</i>
5:00 pm	Adjourn
5:30 pm	Dinner with Judges

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7:00 am Continental Breakfast  
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8:00 am Federal Civil Litigation  
Chief Judge Stanley A. Bastian

9:00 am - **You be the Judge**  
11:00 am *Chief Judge Stanley A. Bastian*

11:00 am - Break  
11:15 am

11:15 am— **Dr. Martin Luther King—A Story of Three Injunctions**  
12:15 pm *Ron Silver, Retired AUSA*

12:15 pm Lunch—Hosted at the Courthouse - Prepare Lesson Plans

1:00 pm **STEP/Probation: The Experience of a Federal Criminal Defendant**  
Melissa Hanson

2:00 pm **Careers within the Federal Judiciary**  
*IT, Case Administrator, Court Interpreter, Courtroom Deputy, Finance, Jury Administrator, Court Reporter, Law Clerk*

3:00 pm **Roundtable/Q &A with Our Judges**  
*Chief Judge Stanley A. Bastian, Judge Mary K. Dimke, Judge Rebecca L. Pennell, Magistrate Judge James A. Goeke and Magistrate Judge Alexander C. Ekstrom*

4:00 pm Closing

