

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

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| 7:00 am | Continental Breakfast and Registration <i>Jury Assembly Room , Rm 751</i> |
| 7:30 am | Welcome —Introductions & Program Objectives <i>Chief Judge Stanley A. Bastian</i> |
| 8:00 am | Understanding the Court System: The Difference between State and Federal Court/Constitution How Criminal Cases Move Through Federal Court Recap <i>Magistrate Judge Alexandar C. Ekstrom</i> |
| 9:00 am | Search Warrants <i>Magistrate Judge James A. Goeke</i> |
| 10:00 am | Break |
| 10:15 am | Preparing for Change of Plea and Sentencing Hearings <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 | Changes of Plea Hearing/Sentencing <i>Judge Rebecca L. Pennell</i> <i>Q & A Session</i> |
| 2:15 pm | STEP/Probation: The Experience of a Federal Criminal Defendant <i>Melissa Hanson</i> |
| 3:15 pm | Break |
| 3:30 pm | Appeals Litigation <i>Judge Salvador Mendoza, Jr. & 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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8:00 am Federal Civil Litigation

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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 **USAO Fentanyl Crisis**

Stephanie Van Marter

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

