



**EASTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE & CLE - September 15, 2023**

The conference will be held at the Spokane Convention Center and will be video streamed to the Richland Federal Courthouse and the Yakima Federal Courthouse. Please join or renew your membership to register for the 2023 District Conference and CLE. The \$90 annual membership fee includes the District Conference and CLE.

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

8:30 – 8:45 a.m.	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b> J. Stephen Roberts, Jr. (Eastern District of Washington Fed. Bar President)
8:45 – 9:00 a.m.	<b>State of the District</b> Hon. Mary K. Dimke (District Judge, Eastern District of Washington)
9:00 – 9:15 a.m.	<b>State of the Circuit</b> Hon. Salvador Mendoza (Circuit Judge, Ninth Cir. Ct. of Appeals)
9:15 – 10:15 a.m.	<b>Understanding Trauma Bonds and Navigating the Effects of Long-term Abuse on DV Victims facing Civil Proceedings</b> Hon. Theresa Thin Elk (Tribal Judge & Quinalt Indian Nation-Operations Atty.)
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	<b>Break</b>
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	<b>Working with AI Legal Assistants: A Practical Introduction to the Newest Legal Technology</b> Ryan Groff (Casetext)
11:30 am – 1:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b> (on your own)
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	<b>Visualized Legal Writing - A 21st Century Solution for Evolving Brain Function</b> William S. Bailey (UW – School of Law)
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	<b>Break Out Sessions</b>  <b>Crim. Topic – Updates on 2023 U.S. Sentencing Guideline Amendments</b> Rich Barker (USAO–EDWA) Steve Roberts & Paul Shelton (FDEWI) Main Conf. Room - 300B  <b>Bankruptcy Topic - Still Learning the “Texas Two-Step”</b> Amit D. Ranade (Snell & Wilmer–Seattle) Break Out Room - 300D
3:00 – 3:15 p.m.	<b>Break</b>
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	<b>Attorney Wellness: Diligence and Communication through Stress, Self-care, &amp; Sanity</b> Adely Ruiz (WSBA Member Wellness Program)
4:15 – 5:00 p.m.	<b>Federal Civil Rights Enforcement in the Eastern District of WA</b> Tyler Tornabene and Dan Fruchter – (USAO–EDWA)