



**EASTERN DISTRICT ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND CLE (TENTATIVE)  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025**

The conference will be held at the Spokane County Convention Center. Please join or renew your membership to register for the 2025 Conference and CLE. The \$150.00 annual membership fee includes admission to the Conference and CLE.

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

<b>8:30 – 8:35 a.m.</b>	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b> <b>Paul S. Stewart (Eastern District of WA Fed. Bar President)</b>
<b>8:35 – 8:50 a.m.</b>	<b>State of the District</b> <b>Hon. Chief Judge Stanley Bastian – Eastern District of WA</b>
<b>8:50 – 9:15 a.m.</b>	<b>State of the Circuit and Appellate Best Practices</b> <b>Hon. Salvador Mendoza, Jr. – Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals</b>
<b>9:15 – 10:10 a.m.</b>	<b>Supreme Court Update</b> <b>(Jason Gilmer, Brooks Holland, Erica Goldberg, Gonzaga Law)</b>
<b>10:10 – 10:20 a.m.</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:20 – 11:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Executive Action Directed at Law Firms</b> <b>(Zach Pekelis, Pacifica Law Group)</b>
<b>11:15 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.</b>	<b>Law Clerk/Staff Attorney Panel</b> <b>(Erika Hartliep, Anna Vowels)</b>
<b>12:10 – 1:20 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch (on your own)</b>
<b>1:20 – 1:25 p.m.</b>	<b>Presentation of Hemovich Award and recognition of pro bono attorneys</b>
<b>1:25 – 2:20 p.m.</b>	<b>Tribal Regulatory Authority and the Second Montana Exception: Defending Reservation Political Integrity, Economic Security, and Community Welfare in Practice</b> <b>(Anthony Aronica, Senior Attorney, Yakama Nation Office of Legal Counsel)</b>
<b>2:25 – 3:20 p.m.</b>	<b>BREAK OUT SESSIONS</b> <b>Bankruptcy Topic (Judge Corbit, Chp 13 Trustee Mike Todd, Kevin O'Rourke)</b> <b>(Breakout room)</b> <b>Chevron / Admin Law changes (Devra Cohen, Senna Knudsen, Foster Garvey)</b> <b>(Main Conference room)</b>
<b>3:20 – 3:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>3:30 – 4:25 p.m.</b>	<b>Updates in White Collar Fraud</b> <b>(Jeff Coopersmith and Maia Robbins, Corr Cronin)</b>
<b>4:25 – 4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Closing remarks</b>