

2009 Washington State

Access to Justice Conference

Justice: Hope and Help in Hard Times

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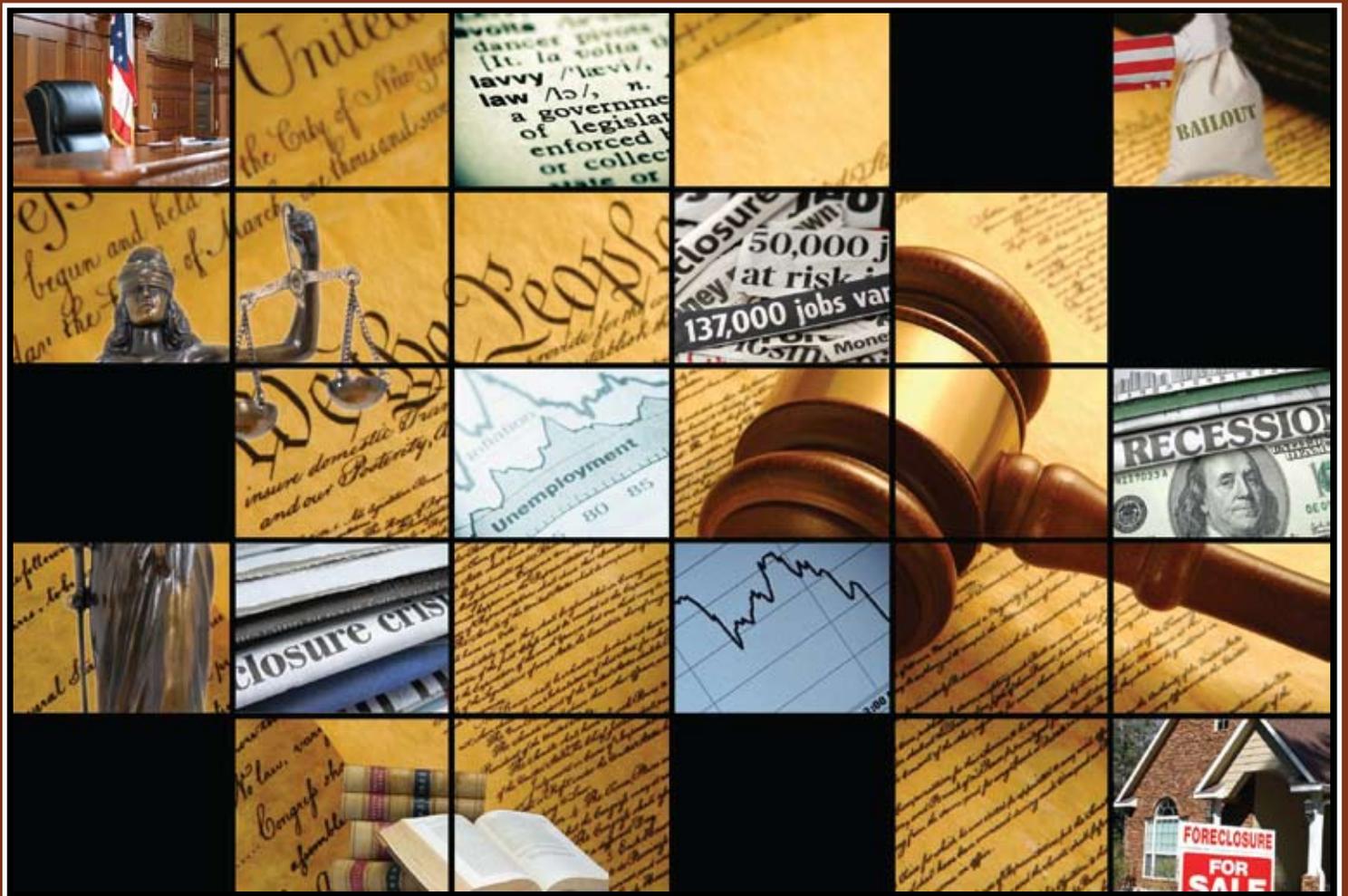
Washington State Bar Association

Bar Leaders Conference

Leading in Changing Times



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ACCESS TO JUSTICE CONFERENCE



May 29-31, 2009 • Yakima Convention Center • Yakima, Washington

Keynote Speaker:

Benjamin Danielson, MD

Medical Director, Odessa Brown Children's Clinic

Conference Registration Brochure

Overview

Washington's fourteenth annual Access to Justice Conference and the annual Washington State Bar Association Bar Leaders Conference is May 29-31, 2009, at the Yakima Convention Center.

The Access to Justice Conference, *Justice: Hope and Help in Hard Times* brings together the legal community to discuss equal justice issues. Conference participants include members and supporters of the *Washington State Alliance for Equal Justice*, a network of organizations providing legal aid to those with nowhere else to turn (volunteer lawyer programs, statewide legal services programs and specialty legal services programs). Also present are *Supporters of the Alliance*, including the Legal Foundation of Washington, the Office of Civil Legal Aid, Legal Aid for Washington Fund (LAW Fund), the private bar, the judiciary, court clerks, law school students and faculty, paralegals, community services, the alternative dispute resolution community, administrative law judges and others dedicated to providing equal access to the legal system for low- and moderate- income people. Throughout the Access to Justice Conference, you will notice an emphasis on the conference theme. Conference workshops will center on economic issues that are affecting access to the justice system for low-income clients and vulnerable populations. We will work together to find solutions to the challenges we face and to identify multi-disciplinary approaches to better serving our clients in these challenging economic times.

The Bar Leaders Conference: *Leading in Changing Times*, is designed for the leadership and future leadership of the private bar, including the WSBA Board of Governors, leaders of county, minority and specialty bar associations, as well as WSBA committee and section chairs and the Washington Young Lawyers Division. The Bar Leaders Conference provides a great opportunity to share ideas, challenges, and strategies to enhance the success of bar leaders during a time of significant change in the profession. All Washington lawyers are encouraged to attend this important conference.

Dr. Benjamin Danielson, Medical Director, Odessa Brown Children's Clinic, will provide the keynote address at the Friday evening Welcoming Reception. Odessa Brown Children's Clinic, located in the heart of Seattle's Central District, provides medical, dental and mental health care under one roof to all families regardless of their ability to pay. Working hand in hand with the families who entrust their children to its care, the clinic joins with non-profit organizations, civic groups, health care facilities, government agencies, businesses and other community partners to help families overcome health challenges and improve their lives. The Medical-Legal Partnership for Children (MLPC) is a new program at the clinic that brings together medical providers, social workers, and lawyers to address the unmet legal needs of patients and families.

Friday evening's Welcoming Reception will also feature "ATJ's Got Talent," a variety show guaranteed to lift your spirits. Join us to watch our gifted friends and colleagues in the legal community exhibit their talent in the style of "America's Got Talent."

The Access to Justice Conference and the WSBA Bar Leaders Conference have been held jointly for 14 years. The two conferences work closely to present a collaborative, streamlined event. Registrants of each conference are encouraged to cross over between conferences. However, for internal budgeting purposes, we ask that you indicate the conference at which you anticipate spending most of your time. Together, the conferences provide a wide range of learning, networking and sharing experiences stimulating and useful to you in your role as an advocate for equal justice, and in your role as a bar leader. We are confident you will agree that your experience at this conference is time well spent.



Access to Justice Conference Planning Committee

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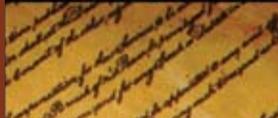
for Equal Justice

SUPPORTER

All meetings are at the Yakima Convention Center



Preliminary Meetings



- 9:00 am - 5:00 pm **WSBA Board of Governors**
- 9:00 am - 5:00 pm **WSBA Leadership Institute**
- 10:00am - 12:00 pm **Access to Justice Board**
- 10:00 am - 2:00 pm **Civil Legal Aid Oversight Committee**
- 10:00 am - 5:00 pm **Volunteer Attorney Program Staff & Specialized Legal Services Program Staff**
- 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm **Northwest Justice Project**
- 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm **Practice of Law Board**
- 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm **Washington Young Lawyers Division**
- 6:00 pm **Welcoming Reception**

Note: If you plan to attend one of the meetings above, but do not plan to attend conference workshops, there is no need for you to register for the conference. Tickets to the Welcoming Reception and meals can be purchased separately.



Registration Fees



The Access to Justice Conference strives to be as inclusive as possible so that all advocates of equal access to justice may attend. We want to offer “equal access” to our conference and no one will be turned away because of inability to pay. If you do not have the means to cover the cost of your registration fee, please consider requesting a partial scholarship by contacting Sharlene Steele at (206) 727-8262 or sharlene@wsba.org. The registration fee includes approximately 9 CLE credits, materials and meals.

ATJ Conference regular registration fee	\$125
Members of the Alliance for Equal Justice (service providers)	\$ 80
Law Students	\$ 50
“Angel” Supporting Registration Fee Helps to support scholarships. If you haven’t already made a donation to support the ATJ Conference, here’s your chance.	\$175 and up
Bar Leaders Conference registration fee	\$125
ATJ or Bar Leaders Conference speaker or panel member Please be sure to return the registration form and indicate which meals you will be attending.	\$0

Please Print

Name _____ WSBA Membership Number _____
 Address _____ Affiliation _____
 City, State, Zip _____ E-mail address (to be used for registration confirmation) _____
 Phone Number _____

Please be sure to indicate which meals you will be attending.

Meals are included in your registration fee, although you will need to purchase meals for guests.

- 1 Friday evening Welcoming Reception Buffet _____
- 2 Saturday breakfast _____
- 3 Saturday lunch _____
- 4 Sunday breakfast buffet _____
- 5 Check here for a vegetarian (rather than chicken) lunch on Saturday

Guest prices additional to registration fees	Totals
6 Friday evening Welcoming Reception Buffet _____ x \$25.00 =	_____
7 Saturday breakfast _____ x \$14.50 =	_____
8 Saturday lunch _____ x \$14.50 =	_____
9 Sunday breakfast buffet _____ x \$14.50 =	_____
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Your meals \$ - 0 -

Guest meals \$ _____

Registration fee (-0- for speakers/panel members) \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Please indicate the conference at which you anticipate spending most of your time.
 Registrants from each conference are welcome to attend workshops of both conferences.

- Access to Justice Conference
- WSBA Bar Leaders Conference

Check enclosed payable to WSBA Visa MasterCard Card No. _____

Cardholder Name (print) _____ Authorized Signature _____ Exp. Date _____

Billing Address (if different from above) _____ City, State, Zip _____

- Check here if you require special accommodations (closed captioning, interpreter, materials in alternate format).
- Check here if this is your first time attending the Access to Justice Conference.

If your guest is interested in attending conference workshops, he/she should register separately. Prices include tax & gratuity. The facility does not allow a discount for children's meals. A very limited number of meal tickets will be sold at the conference. Requests for refunds before May 22 will be honored, but will be subject to a \$10 handling fee.

Please make checks payable and mail to: Washington State Bar Association
 1325 Fourth Avenue, Suite 600
 Seattle, WA 98101-2539

Questions: (206) 727-8262 or sharlene@wsba.org

Registration forms and fees must be received by May 19, 2009.
 Approximately 9 CLE credits are pending.

Office Use Only (WSBA account 41700 ATJ)	Event #ATJBLC62009
Date _____ Check # _____	Total \$ _____



Registration Form



Preview of Conference Agenda

The Access to Justice Conference, *Justice: Hope and Help in Hard Times*, will offer substantive workshops on predatory lending, improved access for limited English proficient and deaf or hard-of-hearing clients, right to counsel in housing cases, legal needs of veterans, economic migration, medical/legal partnerships, unemployment benefits, bankruptcy and foreclosure. The planning committee is developing workshops that will both inspire and challenge us to connect and create innovative and transformative ways to address barriers to equal justice.

The annual Bar Leaders Conference will include the always-popular "Supreme Court and Board of Governors Roundtable" Saturday morning, discussing a timely topic. The workshop offerings in the afternoon include a continuation of the "Young Bar Leaders Summit" held in Seattle in March 2009 covering issues related to new lawyers' survival in today's economy, filling the gaps in civil legal aid while keeping skills developed, and embracing diversity and work-life balance in the practice of law. This workshop will be led by a diverse group of young lawyers, including members of the Washington Young Lawyers Division Board of Trustees. The other workshop will be a dynamic presentation lead by WSBA Executive Director Paula Littlewood and a distinguished panel discussing various trends that are changing how our profession operates, including the changing demographics of our membership, outsourcing of legal work offshore, and new trends and developing business models.

Friday, May 29

- 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Preliminary board and group meetings
- 6:00 pm Welcoming Reception and keynote address by Dr. Benjamin Danielson (appetizer buffet – no-host bar)

Saturday, May 30

- 7:00 am - 8:15 am Breakfast buffet
- 7:30 am - 8:15 am New Access to Justice Conference Attendees Orientation
- 8:30 am - 10:00 am Concurrent Sessions
 - Access to Justice Conference**
 - Bar Leaders Conference**
 - Roundtable Discussion with the Washington State Supreme Court Justices and WSBA Board of Governors
- 10:00 am - 10:15 am Break
- 10:15 am - 11:45 am Access to Justice and Bar Leaders Conference Plenary Session (focus: current housing issues)
- 12:00 Noon Lunch
 - Access to Justice Board Awards
 - Washington State Bar Association Pro Bono Award
 - ATJ Board/WSBA Norm Maleng Leadership Award
- 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm Columbia Legal Services Meeting
- 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Concurrent Sessions
 - Access to Justice Conference**
 - Bar Leaders Conference**
- 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Break
- 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm Concurrent Sessions
 - Access to Justice Conference**
 - Bar Leaders Conference**
- 9:00 pm Campaign for Equal Justice President's Party – all are welcome

Sunday, May 31

- 7:30 am - 8:30 am Breakfast buffet
- No conference sessions are scheduled for Sunday morning at this time. Please check on-line for updated information at <http://www.wsba.org/atj/workshops.htm>.

CONFERENCE WORKSHOP MATERIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON LINE ON MAY 15 (or as soon as they become available to us) AND AFTER THE CONFERENCE. IN AN EFFORT TO BE FRIENDLIER TO THE ENVIRONMENT, PAPER COPIES WILL NOT BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE CONFERENCE. GO TO <http://www.wsba.org/atj/workshops.htm> for materials of interest to you.



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Lodging



Yakima is located in the center of Washington State – approximately 175 miles from Seattle and Spokane. Take I-90 to Interstate 82. The Yakima Convention Center is located at 10 North 8th Street in Yakima and is just minutes off Interstate 82 (Exit 33). Excellent signage makes it easy to find.

Lodging expenses are not included in the registration fee. Please make your room reservation by calling the recently renovated Red Lion at (509)248-5900. Rates at the Red Lion are \$88.95/single, \$98.95/double. A block of rooms has also been reserved at the Howard Johnson Hotel (509) 452-6511) for overflow at a cost of \$82.95 single/double. Please mention that you are with the Access

to Justice Conference or the Washington State Bar Association when making your reservation in order to receive the special room rate. Calling hotel toll-free numbers is not recommended. The room blocks being held for this event will be released to the general public on April 30. If you are a member of a board that is meeting at the conference, please check with your board liaison regarding lodging arrangements that may have been made for you.

Both hotels and the Yakima Convention Center are facilities accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you need special accommodations for your lodging, please be sure to mention it when you make your hotel reservation.