

WEBINAR

More than Just a Legal Issue: Communicating and Advocating for Clients with Mental Health Diagnoses

Friday, November 13th, 2015, 12:00 (noon) – 3:00 p.m.
King County Bar Association, 1200 Fifth Avenue, Suite 700, Seattle, WA 98101

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AGENDA

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (noon): Introduction and Sign-in

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.: Mental Illness: The Basics, The Stigma, and The Impact

Speaker: Ashley Fontaine, Executive Director at National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Greater Seattle.

- Communicating with clients with mental health barriers
- Overview of types of common mental health diagnoses and symptoms
- Breaking down the stigma of mental illness
- Understanding how the use of triggering language can be detrimental to the attorney/client relationship
- Implementing de-escalation strategies
- Resources for Volunteer Attorneys

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.: Culturally Competent Lawyering when Advocating for Clients with Mental Health Diagnoses

Speaker: Merf Ehman, Staff Attorney at Columbia Legal Services

- Identifying cultural barriers related to the access of mental health care and legal services
- Useful strategies when advocating for clients with a (undiagnosed) mental illness as a legal professional
- How attorneys can provide culturally competent legal representation

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.: An Ethical Approach to Representing People with Disabilities

Speaker: Emily Cooper, Staff Attorney at Disability Rights Washington

- Applying the RPCs when representing persons with disabilities

3:00 p.m. - 3:05 p.m. Adjourn