



Ethics for Volunteer Lawyer Programs

Presented by:

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1.5 Ethics Credits

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ORIGINAL PRESENTATION DATE:

Monday, June 18, 2018, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

This CLE is FREE to all staff and board members from Volunteer Lawyer Programs
Registration is required.

Attend in person or via live video stream.

In-Person Location
KCBA, 1200 5th Ave., Suite 700, Seattle

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Please RSVP to Catherine Brown at catherineb@kcba.org.
Please indicate if you will attend in-person or via live stream.
If you are an attorney, please include your WSBA bar number.

AGENDA

12:00 – 12:05 pm	Welcome & Introductions
12:05 – 12:35 pm	Overview of Relevant Rules of Professional Conduct (RPC) – <i>Jeanne Marie Clavere and Ben Haslam will discuss the RPCs to consider when managing a volunteer lawyer program.</i>
12:35 – 1:15 PM	Discussion - Hypothetical Scenarios Involving Ethical Considerations at VLPs – <i>Jeanne Marie Clavere and Ben Haslam will discuss hypothetical scenarios and relevant RPCs that demonstrate common ethical issues at volunteer lawyer programs.</i>
1:15 – 1:30 PM	Questions, Discussion, & Evaluations

Presenter Biographies

JEANNE MARIE CLAVERE is a 1987 graduate of the University of Puget Sound School of Law (now Seattle University School of Law). Prior to earning her law degree she received a Master of Business Administration from DePaul University in Chicago. In February, 2010 she joined the staff of the Washington State Bar Association as Professional Responsibility Counsel. After four years with a Seattle law firm, Jeanne Marie began her solo practice in 1992, focusing on estate planning, elder law (including complex guardianships, trusts, and guardian ad litem appointments), and contract based criminal prosecution. As Professional Responsibility Counsel, Jeanne Marie serves as an advisor to members of the bar on the Rules of Professional Conduct as they apply to WSBA Advisory Ethics Opinions, the Rules for Enforcement of Lawyer Conduct, and the ABA Standards for Imposing Lawyer Sanctions. She has been invited to lecture on Professionalism, Civility, and Ethics at all three Washington law schools, for the American Bar Association, and speaks at various local bar CLE's throughout the state. Jeanne Marie is the primary responder on the WSBA Ethics Line and wants every attendee to commit the number to memory and call her first, not after they run into an ethical dilemma.

While in private practice Jeanne Marie appeared before a wide range of courts and tribunals, ranging from Ex Parte hearings to trials on guardianship and criminal issues, and served for many years as a Settlement, Litigation, Adoption, Family Law, Incapacity and Probate Guardian ad Litem in King and Snohomish Counties. Jeanne Marie is Past President of the state Washington Women Lawyers, past Chair of the Washington State Bar Association Elder Law Section and served on the executive committee of the King County Bar Association Guardianship and Elder Law Section. She is a member of the American Bar Association; the ABA's Center for Professional Responsibility, the ABA Law Practice Division, is a Washington Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and is a Master Member of the William L. Dwyer Inn of Court. Jeanne Marie also serves as a director on the board of the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations.

BENJAMIN HASLAM is the Executive Director of Snohomish County Legal Services (SCLS), a free civil legal aid provider located in Everett. Benjamin devoted the majority of his time in practice since 2005 to assisting survivors of domestic violence, and joined the staff of SCLS in 2013. He also serves as a Co-Chair of the Pro Bono Council, the statewide network and advocacy body for Washington's 17 Volunteer Lawyer Programs. Benjamin recently participated in the State Plan Consensus Group, ATJ Board Ad Hoc Funding Group, and local groups such as the Partnership to End Homelessness Board, and the Community Services Advisory Council.