



# Criminal Defense Training Academy

Session 1 – June 21-22, 2019

Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane

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## AGENDA

### Friday, June 21

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- 9:00 – 10:00 **Client-Centered Representation and Communication** – Travis Stearns
- 10:00 – 10:45 Introductions & Training Goals
- 10:45 – 11:00 Break
- 11:00 – noon **Client-Centered Representation and Communication, Continued** – Travis Stearns
- noon – 1:00 Lunch – served on-site
- 1:00 – 2:00 **Client Communication Challenges - Communication with Clients Who Are Mentally Ill, and Clients with Limited English Proficiency** – Cindy Arends Elsberry, Katrin Johnson
- 2:00 – 3:15 **Integrating Investigation into Criminal Defense Representation** – Travis Stearns
- 3:15 – 3:30 Break
- 3:30 – 4:45 **Effective Investigation Practices – Panel Discussion** – Cindy Arends Elsberry, Janna Richards, and Larry Tangen
- 4:45 Adjourn

### Saturday, June 22

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- 9:00 – 10:15 **Collateral Consequences of Criminal Convictions** – Travis Stearns
- 10:15 – 10:30 Break
- 10:30 – 11:15 **Collateral Consequences of Criminal Convictions** – continued

- 11:15 – 12:00 **Public Defense Standards and Certification – The What, Why & How –**  
Katrin Johnson & George Yeannakis
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch – served on-site
- 1:00 – 2:15 **Attorney Bias and Representing the Interests of Diverse Clients –** Kimberly  
Ambrose and Cam Zorrozua
- 2:15 – 2:30 Break
- 2:30 – 3:45 **Litigating Racial and Ethnic Disparities –** Kimberly Ambrose and Cam  
Zorrozua
- 3:45 – 4:00 **Criminal Defense Training Academy – Next Steps, Session Evaluations**
- 4:00 Adjourn

## Faculty and Small Group Leaders

**Kimberly Ambrose:** Kimberly Ambrose is a senior lecturer and directs the Tools for Social Change: Race and Justice Clinic, a clinic she founded in 2011 focusing on racial disparities in the juvenile justice system. She joined the clinic faculty part time in 2001 and full time in 2005, as supervising attorney for the Children and Youth Advocacy Clinic. Professor Ambrose also created and taught the Legislative Advocacy Clinic. Before joining the faculty, she was a public defender representing indigent adults and juveniles in both child welfare and criminal proceedings and worked as a resource attorney for the Washington Defender Association, providing training, technical assistance, and resources to public defense attorneys around Washington state.

**Cindy Arends Elsberry:** Cindy is the Felony Resource Attorney for the Washington Defender Association (WDA). She has worked in public defense for more than 20 years. She worked as a staff attorney at the Associated Counsel for the Accused (ACA) in Seattle for more than 14 years before joining the Washington Defender Association in 2009 as the Felony Resource Attorney, where she provides technical assistance to attorneys and develops resources for public defenders across the state. Cindy is a frequent speaker at CLE presentations and takes a special interest in the issues involved when representing clients with mental illness. She received her J.D. from the University of Washington.

**Katrin Johnson** is a Public Defense Services Manager at the Washington State Office of Public Defense, working closely with local jurisdictions and managing projects to improve public defense services statewide. Previously Katrin served as the State Court Interpreter Program Coordinator in Minnesota and Washington, and was responsible for the oversight of all state court interpreter testing, training, and certification. Prior to working in the interpreter field, Johnson was a public defender in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

**Janna Richards** has worked in public defense at Associated Counsel for the Accused, now a division of the King County Department of Public Defense, since 2000. Prior to her current position as an investigator, which she has held since 2006, she was a legal clerk on State V. Gary Ridgway, also known as the Green River Killer. She has investigated cases ranging from dependency, theft, DV assault, DUI, to murder. She enjoys asking prying personal questions, looking at crime scene photos, even if it is not her case, listening to war stories at CLEs, especially if there are crime scene photos, and helping clients and attorneys get the best possible result. She loves a good acquittal. She has worked with many attorneys over the years and has had some interesting experiences, both good and bad.

**Travis Stearns:** Travis has worked in public defense most of his career, currently with the Washington Appellate Project. He worked as a public defender in New York City and Whatcom County before working at the Washington Defender Association. He has also focused on training and substantive policy reform, having seen success in the appellate courts and with the legislature. He is a nationally recognized speaker on issues relating to trial advocacy, the right to counsel and the impact of criminal convictions. He has published articles in law school journals, primarily on issues relating to the impact of criminal convictions on reentry. He is an adjunct professor at Seattle University School of Law.

**Larry Tangen** is a private investigator in the Spokane area. He worked at the Washington State Patrol for 26 years, 18 of which as a detective focusing on homicides, auto thefts, and narcotics. He has been in private practice as an investigator since 2000, working with public

defense attorneys and private criminal defense attorneys on all case types. For the past nine years he has worked exclusively with the City of Spokane Public Defender's Office.

**George Yeannakis** holds the position of Public Defense Services Manager for the Washington State Office of Public Defense. The Office strives to improve the delivery of indigent defense services throughout the State. Yeannakis was a public defender in Seattle for over 20 years with The Defender Association and Society of Counsel Representing the Accused where he supervised the juvenile offender unit. He was lured from public defense to establish the Youth Advocacy Clinic at Seattle University School of Law. He continues to advocate for improvements in the representation of youthful offenders through his association with TeamChild, a civil legal services firm in Seattle. At TeamChild he works to enhance the quality of indigent juvenile defense through training, leadership development and technical assistance.

**Cam Zorrozua** has been a staff attorney at the Center for Justice since 2018, after leaving her practice at Maxey Law Office. Her focus was on criminal defense, restoration of rights, appeals, general litigation, and family law/divorce. Cam practiced throughout the counties and municipalities of Eastern Washington, including Federal District Court and Spokane Tribal Court. She was a board member for the Center for Justice from 2016 – 2018.