The SPOKANE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
Presents

PROBATE LAW A-Z CLE

DECEMBER 14, 2021

Virtually via Cisco Webex

8:00 – 8:15 AM	*Introduction* – Catherine Kardong, *Winston & Cashatt, Lawyers*
8:15 – 9:15 AM	*Opening a Probate* – Brent Stanyer, *Douglas Eden P.S.*
9:15 – 9:30 AM	Break
9:30 – 10:20 AM	*Probate Administration* – Jonas Hemenway, *Gravis Law, PLLC*
10:20 – 11:10 AM	*Closing a Probate* – Catherine Kardong, *Winston & Cashatt, Lawyers*
11:10 – 12:00 PM	Ethical Considerations in Probate – Jeffrey Ropp, *Winston & Cashatt, Lawyers*
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch Break
1:00 – 2:00 PM	PANEL: *Alternatives to Probate* Diane Kiepe, *Douglas Eden P.S.* Craig Trummel, *WFG National Title Insurance Company* Ben Bunfill, *Bunfill Wealth Management*
2:00 – 3:00 PM	*TEDRA Litigation* – Collette Leland, *Winston & Cashatt, Lawyers*
3:00 – 3:15 PM	Break
3:15 – 4:15	*Tax Issues in Estate Administration* – Renee Grandinetti, CPA – *Grandinetti & Barton P.S.*
4:15 – 4:30	*Probate Law Updates* – Catherine Kardong, *Winston & Cashatt, Lawyers*

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

BENJAMIN BUNFILL is the Founder and CEO of Bunfill Wealth Management. Founded in 2005, Bunfill Wealth Management's mission is to build lasting, meaningful relationships with its clients, creating, implementing, and maintaining focus on a financial plan specifically tailored to the clients' most important personal, professional & financial goals. Mr. Bunfill is a member of the Financial Planning Association, Spokane Estate Planning Council, and the National Association of Insurance & Financial Advisors. After graduating from Whitworth College in 2003, he remained in Spokane and earned the following designations: Chartered Life Underwriter Designation, Chartered Financial Consultant Designation, Retirement Income Certified Professional Designation, and Certified Financial Planner Designation. His areas of emphasis are comprehensive financial planning, estate & retirement income planning, investment advising, life & disability insurance, long term care insurance & annuities, and comprehensive business planning. In his free time, Mr. Bunfill enjoys spending time with his wife and four children, playing music, and gardening on his 6-acre farm.

RENEE GRANDINETTI is a Certified Public Accountant and a Principal at Grandinetti & Barton, P.S.. A graduate of Gonzaga University, she has over 30 years' experience in her field. Grandinetti & Barton, P.S. provides a broad range of accounting and tax services to a diverse client base and prides itself on its dedication to excellence in providing a broad range of services to individual, business and fiduciary clients. Renee focuses her work on Estate and Gift Tax, Small Businesses, and Agricultural Enterprises. She is the Past President of the Spokane Estate Planning Council and a member of AICPA and WSCPA.

JONAS HEMENWAY is an attorney with Gravis Law working primarily out of our Spokane, Washington office. He has extensive experience in estate planning, including wills, trusts, probate and trust estate administration, tax planning, charitable gifts, veteran's benefits, Medicaid, and guardianships.

As a Spokane native, Jonas has a deep love of the inland northwest. He dedicates a significant portion of his time volunteering in his community. He serves on the Planned Giving Advisory Committee for the Spokane Neighborhood Action Partners organization (SNAP). He also gives freely of his time to local religious and charitable organizations. He has volunteered for the Boy Scouts of America, the Alzheimer's Association, and has provided pro bono legal counsel through various senior and community centers. He believes strongly that the only way to truly understand how to support the people around you is to understand the community in which they live, work, play, and serve.

Jonas holds a Bachelor's Degree from Brigham Young University, and a Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the University of Oregon School of Law. He is a member of the Washington and Oregon state bar associations, the Estate Planning Section of the Washington State Bar, the Washington Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (WAELA), and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA).

When not at the office, Jonas spends his time with his wife and six young children. He also enjoys hiking, camping, hunting, wood working, and generally puttering around the house.

CATHERINE KARDONG graduated first in her class from Gonzaga University School of Law and began her legal career at the Washington State Supreme Court, where she clerked for Washington Supreme Court Justice Mary E. Fairhurst. She was then selected as an honors candidate at the Washington State Attorney General's Office and spent two years in Olympia representing areas within the Department of Social and Health Services that serve the aging and disabled populations of Washington. Catherine and her family relocated to Spokane where she continued on with the Attorney General's Office and began representing various institutions of higher education, most recently acting as lead counsel for Eastern Washington University.

Catherine is originally from Spokane, having graduated from Lewis and Clark High School before venturing to the east coast to earn her undergraduate degree from Boston College. During law school, she was a Thomas More Scholar and a member of the Gonzaga Law Review. She also clerked for United States District Court Judge Robert H. Whaley and United States Bankruptcy Judge John A. Rossmeissl. She was admitted into practice in Washington in January of 2014.

In her spare time, she enjoys cooking, baking, and spending time with her husband, two children, and all their extended family that live in town.

DIANE KIEPE practices in the areas of Estate and Trust Planning, Wealth Transfer and Protection, Probate and Estate Administration, and Taxation. She received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Memphis in 1993 and her Taxation Degree from the University of Miami in 1994. She is a member of the Washington State Bar Association, Spokane County Bar Association, Spokane Estate Planning Council and the Spokane Chapter of the Financial Planning Association.

COLLETTE LELAND is a principal attorney at Winston & Cashatt, Lawyers. Her practice focuses on trust and estate litigation, construction law, and commercial and business litigation. Collette practices in state and federal courts in Washington and Idaho. She has been named a Rising Star by Washington Law & Politics Magazine and one of Spokane's Top Lawyers by Spokane/Coeur d'Alene Magazine, and has an AV-Preeminent Rating from Martindale-Hubbell. Prior to joining Winston & Cashatt, Collette served as a judicial clerk for Washington Supreme Court Justice Mary E. Fairhurst and a deputy prosecuting attorney for Spokane County.

JEFFREY R. ROPP is a principal at Winston & Cashatt, Lawyers whose practice includes fiduciary representation, business law, and estate planning. His estate planning practice includes drafting wills, trusts, probate, durable powers of attorney and health care directives, along with developing asset protection strategies, probate, advising the elderly and advising clients on federal estate and gift tax issues. He received his law degree from Gonzaga University School of Law and also holds a Master of Laws in Taxation from the University of Florida. Mr. Ropp is an active member of the Washington State Bar Association, Spokane Estate Planning Council, and National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. He is a frequent lecturer on trust, probate and estate planning topics.

BRENT T. STANYER - For over 25 years Brent has practiced law in Spokane in the areas of elder law and special needs planning, estate and trust planning and administration, and health care. He has also been a GAL in Spokane County Superior Court since 2002.

He is a member of the Washington State Bar Association, the National and Washington Academies of Elder Law Attorneys. He is a past president, board member and officer of the Spokane Estate Planning Council.

Brent is a lifelong Washingtonian. He and his family have lived in Spokane for over 25 years, where he has worked in private legal practice, and legal and management positions with health care organizations. He has also been an adjunct professor and lecturer at Washington State University, Whitworth University, and University of Idaho Law School.

Brent graduated with his law degree (magna cum laude) from the Gonzaga University School of Law in 1992. He also holds an MBA from the Drucker Management Center at Claremont Graduate University and an MA in Ethics from Loma Linda University.

He is active in community, church, and nonprofit organizations. His personal interests include singing with the Spokane Symphony Chorale, running/cycling/swimming and reading.

CRAIG TRUMMEL – Beginning in 2002, Craig entered the title and escrow world, examining and posting during the refi boom. County management duties ultimately arose in Klickitat County, Washington, followed by Wasco Sherman and Gilliam counties in Oregon. While managing those counties, both title and escrow experience was built upon and large scale commercial wind farm projects offered Commercial perspective to the resume. Since 2016, underwriting support responsibilities amassed, providing guidance to title and escrow providers in Oregon and Wyoming. Idaho and Washington are newly in the mix as well as State Counsel responsibilities in Washington. A few years as a dirt and water lawyer in private practice provide additional practical experience to Craig perspective on working through the insurability of a transaction.

After graduating from the University of Wyoming Law School, Craig was first exposed to title matters in his first law job in Belle Fourche, where litigation over an easement was defended. Additionally, Craig supported the local title company as part of his responsibilities as an associate lawyer. After moving to the Pacific Northwest, Craig went to work for a large regional title agent, managing its Klickitat County, Washington, Wasco, Sherman and Gilliam county, Oregon operations. Craig gained valuable experience, including commercial, in both title and escrow. The boom in commercial wind farms in the Columbia River Gorge coincided with Craig's tenure as a county manager and he was fortunate to be the lead title officer on those projects, gaining valuable insight into underwriting wind farms from seasoned Underwriters. Craig also practiced law in Washington as a small town lawyer, handling real property, water law, estate and domestic relations cases. Craig's next venture was as regional underwriting counsel, providing underwriting guidance for Oregon and Wyoming transactions for a title insurer. With his transition to WFG National Title, Craig is State Counsel for Washington and also backs up his counterpart in Oregon. Before law school, Craig was a forester in the southeast, lake states and Wyoming. He has a BS in Forest Resources from Auburn University.

Craig is a real property lawyer with a background in Forestry, with experience dating back to the mid-nineties. He has underwritten in Washington, Oregon, Wyoming and Idaho. Currently he is Washington state counsel for WFG National Title Insurance Company. Notable experience include insuring utility scale wind energy projects in Washington and Oregon, as well as significant residential subdivision developments. In addition to providing underwriting support, he also managed title and escrow offices in Oregon and Washington.