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Meeting Location	Date	Time	Topic
King County Bar Association 1200 Fifth Avenue - Suite 700 Seattle, WA	Monday, May 14, 2018	12:00 PM to 1:15 PM	Is the Death Penalty Dying - Capital Punishment in the Appellate Courts

AGENDA

12:00 PM Introduction

12:10 PM Presentation: ‘Is the Death Penalty Dying? Capital Punishment in the Appellate Courts’, by Professor Deborah Ahrens, Seattle University School of Law and Lila Silverstein, Washington Appellate Project

- Federal jurisprudence on the death penalty
 - Historical treatment
 - Key cases
 - More recent developments
- Washington State jurisprudence on the death penalty
 - Historical treatment
 - Key cases
 - More recent developments

1:15 PM Adjourn

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Professor Deborah Ahrens, Seattle University School of Law – Deborah Ahrens is a tenured Associate Professor who teaches and writes about criminal law, criminal procedure, and evidence. Her current research focuses on the Supreme Court's recent embrace of a broader understanding of the role of the criminal defense attorney in its criminal procedure decisions and on some of the unexplored frontiers in the legal regulation of alternative criminal sanctions. She is a highly regarded teacher who was voted Professor of the Year by the May 2014 graduating class and a frequent speaker at academic and

professional events on a wide variety of criminal procedure, evidence, and sentencing issues. Before joining the faculty at Seattle University, Professor Ahrens served as a law clerk for Judge Amalya Kearse of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, a legal fellow at the ACLU's Drug Policy Litigation Project, an Assistant Public Defender at the Richland County (South Carolina) Public Defender, and a Visiting Assistant Professor of Law at the University of South Carolina School of Law. She earned an AB in Public Policy from Brown University, a Masters in Public Policy from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, and her JD Magna Cum Laude from New York University, where she was the senior articles editor of the Law Review.

Lila Silverstein, Washington Appellate Project – Lila Silverstein has served as an appellate public defender with the Washington Appellate Project since 2006. She handles appeals in both state and federal court and is certified to represent capital defendants in the Washington Supreme Court. Lila has served as chair of the King County Bar Association's Appellate Practice Section, as co-chair of the amicus committee of the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and on the board of directors of the American Civil Liberties Union of Washington. She has argued over 25 cases in the Washington Supreme Court, including *State v. E.J.J.*, 183 Wn.2d 497 (2015) (reversing obstruction conviction and reaffirming First Amendment right to criticize the police); *State v. Saintcalle*, 178 Wn.2d 34 (2013) (recognizing pervasive problem of race discrimination in jury selection); and *State v. Snapp*, 174 Wn.2d 177 (2012) (holding Washington Constitution provides greater privacy protection than federal constitution in context of car searches). Lila has received President's Awards from both the Washington Defender Association (2011) and the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (2015). She earned her B.A. at Yale and her J.D. at the University of Washington. Along with Neil Fox, Lila represents Allen Gregory on appeal of his death sentence before the Washington Supreme Court.