

KING COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

1.00 Law & Legal CLE Credit – A/V Approval #1216779

Recorded on January 10th, 2022

Meeting Location	Date	Time	Topic
We are continuing 100% remote access meetings.	Monday, January 10, 2022	12:00 PM to 1:15 PM	What Judges and Court Staff Want You to Know

AGENDA

12:00 PM Introduction

12:10 PM Presentation: ‘What Judges and Court Staff Want You to Know’, by Judge Cecily C. Hazelrigg, Division I Washington State Court of Appeals; Judge Lisa Worswick, Division II Washington State Court of Appeals; and Judge George Fearing, Division III Washington State Court of Appeals

Judges from all three divisions of the Court of Appeals provide insight into the inner workings of the Court and share their tips, tricks, and pet peeves of appellate practice.

1:15 PM Adjourn

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Judge Cecily C. Hazelrigg, Division I Washington State Court of Appeals – Judge Cecily C. Hazelrigg joined Division I of the Washington State Court of Appeals in 2019 after prevailing in a contested election across Skagit, Island, Whatcom and San Juan Counties. Prior to joining the court, she was a deputy public defender, practiced immigration law, was an adjunct instructor at Western Washington University for many years, and taught as visiting faculty at the Universidad Latina de American in Michoacán, Mexico.

Judge Hazelrigg’s prior work as a bilingual attorney with close personal ties to immigration centered her professional focus on historically underserved communities within the legal system, and working on access to justice issues. As a first generation attorney, she has prioritized mentoring newer attorneys in trial work and youth who are interested in pursuing legal careers. Judge Hazelrigg has served on the

Court System Education Task Force and currently represents the Court of Appeals on the Public Trust and Confidence Committee and the Racial Justice Consortium.

Judge Hazelrigg was born and raised in Northwest Washington. She received her ATA from Skagit Valley College in Paralegal Studies, BA from Western Washington University in American Cultural Studies, and obtained her JD from Gonzaga University School of Law. During law school, she studied for a semester at the Universidad de Guanajuato Facultad de Derecho in Guanajuato, Mexico.

Judge Lisa Worswick, Division II Washington State Court of Appeals – Judge Worswick was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor Christine Gregoire on May 3, 2010. Prior to her appointment, she served as a Pierce County Superior Court Judge for eight years and as a Municipal Judge and District Court Commissioner for five years.

At the Superior Court, she served as Criminal Division Presiding Judge. She was also a member of the Court's Executive Committee. Additionally, she chaired the Criminal Committee and the Judicial Management Committee. She has been active in legal and judicial education, having served as a dean of the Washington State Judicial College. She was a founding trustee of the state's Judicial College Trustees. She has taught at the Judicial College, and is a speaker at seminars and forums.

Judge Worswick received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Washington, and practiced civil and criminal law in King and Pierce Counties. She was a prosecutor and police advisor for the cities of Fife, Milton, Steilacoom, Roy and DuPont. She taught classes for the Reserve Police program at Tacoma Community College. She has received awards from the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission, the Pierce County Prosecutor's Office and from the Washington Board for Court Education.

Judge George Fearing, Division III Washington State Court of Appeals – Judge George Fearing began service as a Judge of Division III of the Court of Appeals on June 24, 2013.

Before joining the court, Judge Fearing practiced law in the Tri-Cities with the same law firm for 31 years. Fearing was a trial lawyer, who specialized in representing municipal corporations and law enforcement officers in civil litigation. He also handled commercial and employment litigation. Despite his reputation being one of a trial lawyer, George loved legal research and writing and handled over 90 appeals as a litigator.

Judge Fearing served his church in various capacities, including adult and child teacher and board member. He served on the Board of Directors of Tri-City Junior Academy. He graduated from Walla Walla University in 1979, and recently served as his alma mater's Alumni President. In 2013 he was honored as the University's Alumnus of the Decade for the 1970s. Fearing graduated from the University of Washington law school in 1982. Five other of his classmates serve on the Court of Appeals.

George Fearing has served as a Presidential Elector. His hobbies include reading history and listening to classical and new age music. He has written four unpublished history books. George exercises by climbing Richland's Badger Mountain. Judge Fearing has one teenage son.
