

KING COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

1.00 Law & Legal CLE Credit – A/V Approval #1217633

Recorded on March 14th, 2022

Meeting Location	Date	Time	Topic
We are continuing 100% remote access meetings.	Monday, March 14, 2022	12:00 PM to 1:15 PM	Friendly Persuasion: Drafting Effective Amicus Briefs and Using Them Strategically

AGENDA

12:00 PM Introduction

12:10 PM Presentation: 'Friendly Persuasion: Drafting Effective Amicus Briefs and Using Them Strategically', by Lawrence S. Ebner and Rory Cosgrove

Rory Cosgrove (immediate past chair) will moderate a discussion with Larry Ebner about drafting and using amicus curiae briefs on appeal.

1:15 PM Adjourn

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Larry Ebner – Larry is both Executive Vice President & General Counsel of the Atlantic Legal Foundation and Founding Member of Capital Appellate Advocacy PLLC in Washington, D.C. A Fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, Larry has a half-century of pro-business litigation experience. In addition to handling appeals for companies of all sizes, he has authored dozens of amicus curiae briefs in the Supreme Court, and in federal courts of appeals and state appellate courts throughout the United States. At the Atlantic Legal Foundation, Larry conducts that national, nonprofit, public interest law firm's renowned amicus program, including by personally authoring almost all of its amicus briefs. A graduate of Dartmouth College and Harvard Law School, Larry is Vice Chair of the DRI Center for Law and Public Policy, Immediate Past Chair of the DRI Amicus Committee, Immediate Past Publications Chair of the DRI Appellate Advocacy Committee, and a Vice Chair of the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel's Appellate Law Section. Larry has written numerous articles about drafting and use of amicus briefs, such as Learning the High Art of Amicus Brief Writing. He also has developed online materials about appellate advocacy, such as his 3-minute video, "These are the 4 Questions I Asked Most Often as

an Appellate Attorney.” Larry is one of only several solo appellate attorneys selected as a Washington, D.C. Super Lawyer for the past 5 years.

Rory Cosgrove – Rory is a shareholder at Carney Badley Spellman, P.S., which is celebrating its 50th anniversary as a Pacific Northwest law firm this year. Rory focuses his practice on civil appeals and has authored many amicus curiae briefs in the Washington State Supreme Court. Rory is a proud graduate of Eastern Washington University, and he graduated second in his class from Willamette University College of Law. After law school, Rory clerked for the Honorable James R. Verellen at the Washington State Court of Appeals. Rory is a WDTL board member and a member of the WDTL’s amicus curiae committee. When not practicing law, Rory enjoys spending time with his two rowdy boys and his wife.
