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Saturday, Oct 26, 10am - 5pm

via Zoom (link will be provided the day before)

PRE-APPROVED NCRA NVRA and WA  
SIX HOURS (.6 CEs/6 CEUs)

FREE TO CURRENT MEMBERS or \$85 to join

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## AUDIO IN COURTROOMS

10am – 12:00pm (2 hours)

with JUDGE DAVID LARSON

ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED COURT PROCEEDINGS

LEARNING OBJECTIVES: 3.02, 3.03, 3.04

Judge Larson will discuss the ramifications on the court system from court proceedings that are electronically recorded, ie, poor recording quality, background noises, etc, with examples of cases.

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# DISCRIMINATION IN COURTS

1:00pm – 3:00pm (2 hours)

with SUPREME COURT JUSTICE MARY YU

THE SUPREME COURT'S CALL TO RACIAL JUSTICE: AN EXAMINATION OF  
WHAT IT MEANS

LEARNING OBJECTIVES: 3.02, 3.10

Supreme Court Justice Mary Yu will discuss the topic of the WA courts' commitment to address racism in the courts.

# INSURANCE FOR COURT REPORTERS

3:00pm - 4:00pm (1 hour)

with DENA LEVINE, INSURANCE BROKER

THE IMPORTANCE OF BUSINESS INSURANCE FOR COURT REPORTERS

LEARNING OBJECTIVES: 3.08

Dena Levine will delve into the depths of the types of business insurance and the reasons for having them..

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## **PAID SICK LEAVE & FAMILY CARE TAX CREDITS FOR COURT REPORTERS**

**You may have a tax credit refund due to you which will expire this year if you don't claim it**

4:00pm - 5:00pm (1 hour)

with JAMES CONACESSA

PAID SICK LEAVE AND FAMILY CARE TAX CREDITS

LEARNING OBJECTIVES: 3.08 ©

### **JAMES CONACESSA**

**James will discuss the Internal Revenue Service Paid Sick Leave provisions for the self-employed under the American Rescue Plan Act; who qualifies will be addressed, the reasons why it was missed, and how the calculations are put together for your refunds, along with examples.**

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# **PRESENTER BIOS**

## **CRUW 2024 CEU SEMINAR**

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