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WILLIAM KIRK, has been with Cowan Kirk Kattenhorn since 2000 practicing exclusively in the area of DUI and BUI Defense. Named a Super Lawyer by Washington Law and Politics every year since 2003, Bill currently serves as the President of the Washington Foundation for Criminal Justice. He has been recognized as one of Washington's Top 25 Defense Attorneys on two separate occasions. He currently serves on the Board of Regents to the National College for DUI Defense and is Board Certified by the National College. A regular speaker at this seminar, Bill has lectured in over a dozen states in the area of DUI Defense.



JONATHAN RANDS, Bellingham, is among the first WA State defense attorneys to handle Draeger cases in DOL and court settings. Prior to its use, Jonathan has been researching and preparing for the Draeger's arrival. He educates himself to the highest level to achieve the best results possible for clients and is NHTSA qualified to administer roadside sobriety tests, and is ARIDE qualified. He is a graduate of AXION Training Institute/Analytical Laboratories in partnership with the American Chemical Society where he completed 3 separate 40hr handson trainings for Headspace Gas Chromatography, Solid Drug Analyses, and DUI-Drugs. Jonathan limits his practice to DUI, serious criminal traffic offenses, and other alcohol related crimes.



FRANCISCO DUARTE, a former Assistant AG & Deputy King Co. Prosecutor, is a director and past chair of Lawyers Helping Hungry Children and served on the BOD of the Seattle Shakespeare Company. A past chair of WSBA Criminal Law Section & Criminal Justice Institute, and WACDL Public Education Ctte., Mr. Duarte has taught trial practice in Botswana, Kenya & Mexico. On the faculty of NITA & the Trial Lawyers College (founded by Gerry Spence), he teaches trial advocacy at UW School of Law, lectures at legal ed. programs and appeared on NW Cable news & radio programs as an analyst. Francisco is dedicated to helping the injured and individuals accused of DUI and other crimes.



SCOTT ROBBINS, practicing law for nearly 30 years, for the first 10 was the Mercer Island Public Defender where he took countless late night phone calls and 1000's of cases (give or take a few). Scott has defended people accused of DUI all around Wa State. In 1999, he was the recipient of the first ever Creative Advocacy Award by the WFCJ. In 2004, Scott and Howard Stein successfully argued Seattle v. Clark Munoz in State Supreme Court. That result led to suppressions of breath tests all over the State. In 2000, Scott and Judge McDermott's former associate, Scott Hughes, created the law firm Hughes|Robbins P.S. with an emphasis in personal injury and criminal defense. Scott & his wife rear twin daughters in Fall City, wth their Vizsla pointing dogs.



CHRISTINE JACKSON has been a public defender since 1990 and is currently one of the misdemeanor supervisors at The Defender Association Division of the King County Dept. of Public Defense. Over the years, Chris has represented adults charged with misdemeanors and felonies and clients detained for traditional civil commitment and under the "sexually violent predator" law." She has handled appeals from misdemeanor convictions, writs of habeas corpus and other extraordinary writs. Chris served as the misdemeanor practice expert in the successful civil rights lawsuit challenging the constitutional adequacy of the public defense systems for the Cities of Burlington and Mt. Vernon.



ANDY ROBERTSON, in criminal defense since 1998, started as the Snohomish Co. public defender. Now she, with husband Ryan Robertson, has defended well over 1000 persons of DUI, misdemeanors, and felonies. Also designated a "Super Lawyer" yearly since 2014 after 9 years a "Rising Star", a 2004 graduate of the Gerry Spence Trial Lawyers College and an elected member of the WFCJ, she has been a featured speaker and author for seminars & publications, including WACDL, WDA, and WFCJ; and is currently a trial advocacy lecturer for UW Law School. An ensemble improv performer for 14 yrs., she is repeatedly asked to speak about utilizing improvisational theater techniques in trial practice. Andy has two boys, 12 and 8.



HON. EILEEN A. KATO, appointed to the KCDC (Seattle) in 1994, and retired in 2016, is a graduate of the U of Santa Clara School of Law. She currently serves on the Board of Governors for the American Bar Association, as a consultant to the National Center for State Courts, as a faculty member of the National Judicial College, as an executive committee member of the Intl. Organization for Judicial Training, and as a volunteer for the KCBA Neighborhood Legal Clinic. She has also served as a board member, President, and Chair for several organizations. (See details on her DUI manual title page.) Judge Kato is a frequent speaker & presenter at local, national and international conferences and forums.



DR. CARRIE VALENTINE, with Chemistry BA from UO, Biochemistry PhD from MIT and post-doctoral training from U of Montana & UC Davis, taught microbiology and molecular biology at Oral Roberts U School of Medicine, and was faculty in Pediatrics at U of AR College of Medicine. She became a Research Microbiologist for the FDA at the National Center for Toxicological Research in AR, until retiring with the FDA Distinguished Career Service Award. She now teaches online biology for Grand Canyon U and works with husband Dr. Jimmie Valentine on consultations and scientific writing, recently including the scientific status of alcohol testing. She is also a licensed private pilot & flies often.



JASON LANTZ, attorney at the Sullivan Law Group, PLLC, focuses his practice on criminal and DUI defense. Jason obtained his B.S. in Life Science from Kansas State University. Jason graduated from Seattle University School of Law with honors and was on the Dean's List. Jason has been one of the leaders of the Washington Draeger Litigation Project since January 2015 and has spent hundreds of hours researching the Draeger Alcotest 9510, talking to experts, and coordinating litigation.



DR. JIMMIE VALENTINE, BS, BS, MS, PhD, a pioneer in gas and liquid chromatography analysis of human fluids and tissues, has published 59 articles in peerreviewed scientific & med. literature, 12 monographs in forensic newsletters, 16 book chapters & coauthored 3 books. He is versed on the correlation of drug use and its behavioral effects in relation to levels determined in fluids both in living and postmortem situations. Dr. Valentine has testified in civil & criminal trials, and administrative hearings and has been qualified as an expert witness in 28 states, Federal courts & military courts. He is a consultant in medical pharmacology and toxicology. He is a commercially rated pilot & certified flight instructor.



BRIT MERCER, a 2002 UW Law graduate, has defended those accused of crimes—in municipal, district, superior and federal courts. She has significant experience defending DUIs, vehicular assault, vehicular homicide and other criminal traffic violations, domestic violence, serious felony crimes and misdemeanor charges. Named a "Rising Star" 12 times, Brit is "of counsel" at the Seattle firm of Schroeter Goldmark & Bender, where she handles the criminal defense practice. She has been a featured speaker at CLE presentations for WDA, WACDL & WFCJ. When not defending clients, she competes in horse show jumping both nationally and internationally.

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for anyone defending those
accused of DUI.