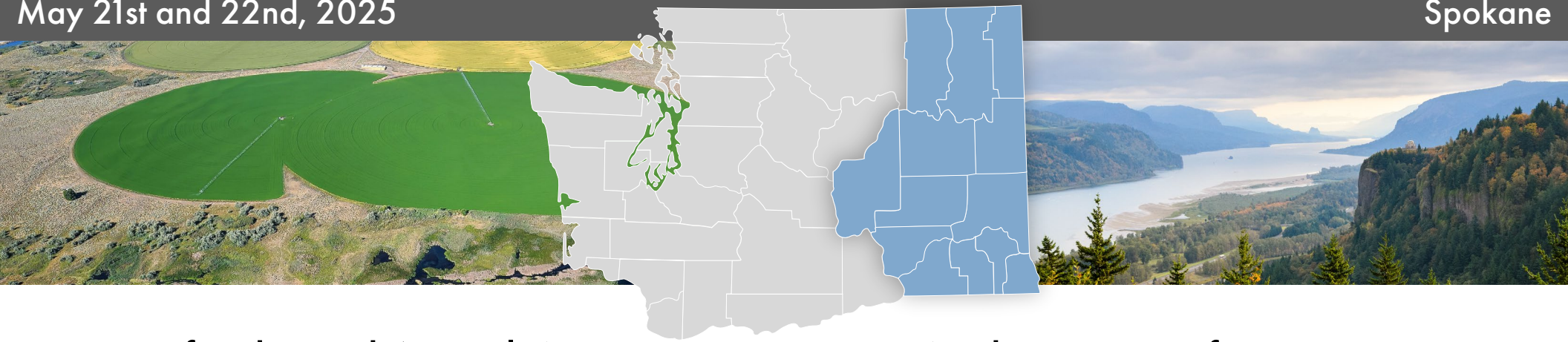


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2nd Annual Water Law in Eastern Washington Conference

May 21st and 22nd, 2025

Spokane



Join us for the 2nd Annual Water Law in Eastern Washington Conference!

The conference will include a combination of technical, legal, and water resource management topics presented by some of the region's leading water experts. The legal and regulatory landscape around water management is changing – come learn about it!

Conference Theme:

Water Resource Management: Looking Back and Looking Ahead

The conference will provide state of the practice information regarding:

- Laws, rules, policies, and practicalities of managing water rights in Eastern Washington
- Major case law threads and on-going implications
- Current status of water resource efforts to efficiently manage water in Eastern Washington

Session topics:

- Water Law and Rights Overview
- Tribal Sovereignty and Water Rights
- Federal Reclamation Projects and State Water Rights
- Case Law Threads and Retrospective
- Growth Management Act and Water Rights
- Science in the Courtroom
- Water Reuse and Conservation
- And More!

The conference will provide:

- Continuing Legal Education credit
- Certified Water Right Examiner credit
- Water Conservancy Board training credit

Keynote Speakers

Day 1: Larry Mattson, Director of Ecology's Office of Columbia River

Day 2: Judge David S. Mann, Division I Court of Appeals

Conference Co-chairs:

Jamie Morin, Confluence Law, PLLC
Ben Lee, PE, CWRE, Landau Associates, Inc.

Venue:

Gonzaga University School of Law

Registration Price:

Live: \$225 | Virtual: \$325 | Students: FREE

Detailed agenda and registration information below.

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Day 1 | Theme: Looking Back.

All Sessions hosted at Gonzaga University School of Law, Barbieri Courtroom, 721 North Cincinnati Street

Session	Time	Description	Presented By
Introduction	8:00 - 8:15am	Opening Welcome from Chairs	Jamie Morin, Confluence Law - Attorney Ben Lee, Landau Associates - Director of Water Resources
Day 1 Keynote	8:15 - 8:45	Keynote, Opening	Larry Mattson, Department of Ecology, Office of Columbia River
I. Foundational Framework	8:45 - 9:15	Water Code / Water Law 101, Legal Perspective	Kait Schilling, Ogden Murphy Wallace
	9:15 - 9:45	Water Rights/Ecology Permitting 101, Technical Perspective	Eric Weber, Landau Associates
	9:45 - 10:00	Break - Coffee and snacks provided	
	10:00 - 10:45	Tribal Sovereignty and Water Rights	Shona Voelckers, Yakama Nation Office of Legal Counsel
	10:45 - 11:15	Case Law Update, recent and pending cases	Steve North, WA Attorney General's Office
	11:15 - 11:45	What is a Watermaster?	Kevin Brown and Johnny Jones, Department of Ecology
Lunch Break	11:45 - 1:00	Lunch on Your Own	
II. Deep Dive on Current Framework	1:00 - 1:45	Ecology Strategic Direction in Response to Budget	Ria Berns, Department of Ecology, Water Resources Program
	1:45 - 2:30	Columbia River Drought Program	Scott Turner, Department of Ecology and Dan Haller, Aspect Consulting
	2:30 - 3:00	Aquifer Storage & Recovery - Permitting and Pitfalls	Kevin Lindsey, GeoEngineers
	3:00 - 3:15	Break - Coffee and snacks provided	
	3:15 - 4:30	Round Table: Case Law Retrospective, How Did We Get Here	Sarah Mack, Foster Garvey; Adam Gravley, Van Ness Feldman; Bill Clarke, Clarke Law; James Davenport, JHDavenport; Moderator, Jamie Morin, Confluence Law
	4:30 - 4:45	Wrap Up, Preview Day 2	
Hosted Reception	4:45	Co-sponsored by Confluence Law and Landau Associates, with the Young Lawyers Section, Spokane Bar Association	

Day 2 | Theme: Looking Ahead.

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III. Science in the Courtroom	8:30 - 8:40am	Opening	Jamie Morin, Confluence Law - Attorney Ben Lee, Landau Associates - Director of Water Resources
	8:40 - 9:10	Day 2 Key Note: Bringing Science in the Courtroom	Judge David S. Mann, Division I Court of Appeals
	9:10 - 9:55	Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB), New Rules for Appeals & Practice Tips for Appearing before PCHB	Chris Swanson, PCHB Board Member
Break	9:55 - 10:10	Coffee and snacks provided	
IV. Tools for the Future, Water Reuse & Conservation	10:10 - 10:40	Columbia River Treaty Overview and Update	Jim Heffernan, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
	10:40 - 11:10	Water Reuse: Water Rights Considerations	Natalie Reid, Van Ness Feldman
	11:10 - 11:55	Water Reuse: Water Quality Permitting and Practical Considerations	Katie Saltanovitz, Landau Associates, and Ian Toevs, Lamb Weston
	11:55 - 1:10pm	Lunch Break	
	1:10 - 1:55	Agricultural Conserved Water - Water Rights and Impairment	Chad Stuart, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and Shane Leonard, Kennewick Irrigation District
	1:55 - 2:35	Artificially Stored Groundwater: Legal Considerations and Pasco Basin Update	Norm Semanko, Parsons Behle & Latimer, and Jaime Short, Department of Ecology
Break	2:35 - 2:50	Coffee and snacks provided	
V. Roundtable: Addressing Challenges	2:50 - 3:10	Round Table: Governor Ferguson's Housing Initiative Introduction	Dave Andersen, Department of Commerce
	3:10 - 4:25	Round Table: Addressing Governor Ferguson's Housing Initiative and Water Availability	Moderator: Dave Andersen, Department of Commerce Panelists: Ria Berns, Department of Ecology; Marlene Feist, City of Spokane; Aaron Dunham, WHC Attorneys; Tim Trohimovich, Futurewise
Wrap-up	4:25 - 4:40	Closing remarks	