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THE MOCK TRIAL: STEP INTO THE COURTROOM

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A truly exciting part of this conference will be the *Mock Trial* on Thursday, March 27. You'll witness firsthand the entire lifecycle of a lawsuit, from pre-trial rulings to jury deliberations. Watch as experts walk through real-world scenarios, highlighting critical moments that influence courtroom outcomes.

Key Highlights of the Mock Trial:

- Pre-Trial Rulings: Discover the rules behind inadmissible evidence and what can't be brought up during trial.
- Jury Selection & Opening Statements: Learn how juries are selected and how each side presents their case.
- Testimony, Evidence, Closing Arguments & Deliberations: Gain insight into how testimony and evidence shape decisions, and experience the process of deliberation.

By the end of the session, you'll have a comprehensive understanding of what happens before, during, and after a trial. It's an event you won't want to miss!

MEET THE ATTORNEYS BEHIND THE MOCK TRIAL!

We're thrilled to have an incredible group of attorneys from Keating, Bucklin & McCormack, Inc., P.S. who are volunteering their time and expertise to bring this Mock Trial to life. Their wealth of knowledge and experience will offer you a unique, behind-the-scenes look at the courtroom process, making this Mock Trial an unforgettable learning experience. We couldn't be more grateful for their support, and we can't wait for you to meet them and learn from their expertise!



Shannon Ragonesi

Managing Shareholder of Keating Bucklin & McCormack

Shannon's law practice encompasses civil rights litigation, employment litigation, school law, public records act litigation, and wrongful death and personal injury defense. She represents cities, counties, the state of Washington, school districts, fire districts, police agencies, and their employees; as well as private corporations and individuals. Shannon has represented her clients in jury and bench trials in federal and state courts as well as labor arbitrations and administrative hearings. She has also represented her clients before the Washington Court of Appeals and Supreme Court as well as the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. As a further, integral part of her law practice, Shannon investigates potential claims and provides guidance to her clients on litigation avoidance strategies and risk management. Prior to joining Keating, Bucklin & McCormack, Inc., P.S., Shannon was a Major in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corp where she served as a Senior Prosecuting Attorney, a Senior Torts Attorney, Chief of Military Justice, Chief of Claims and a Military Magistrate. She currently works as a volunteer attorney with the Office of Military & Veteran Legal Assistance.

Shannon is looking forward to presenting the Lifecycle of a Civil Lawsuit and putting on her judge's hat to preside over the mock trial.



Brian C. Augenthaler

Shareholder and Board Member of Keating Bucklin & McCormack

Brian has been dedicated to the defense of governmental entities throughout his legal career, and his litigation and trial expertise is a true asset to his clients. His practice includes governmental and outdoor recreation defense litigation, including law enforcement, employment, land use, road design, and ski accident matters. Representative clients include cities throughout Washington State, the University of Washington and Harborview Medical Center, and ski areas. Prior to joining Keating Bucklin & McCormack in 2010, Brian served at the Federal Bureau of Investigation for three years, earning an exceptional service award from FBI Director Robert Mueller. Brian interned for the Honorable Judge Eric Aarseth in Anchorage and externed for the United States Attorney's Office in Seattle. While in law school, Brian earned four CALI awards in Constitutional Law, Evidence, Aviation Accident Law, and Business Law. When not at work, Brian enjoys playing video games, snowboarding, and jogging.

Brian is excited to take on the role of a plaintiff's attorney during the mock trial and challenge the defense perspective we often share.



Ann E. Trivett

Shareholder at Keating, Bucklin & McCormack

Ann handles cases in state and federal court involving civil rights defense, wrongful death claims against law enforcement and correctional officers, premises liability, and other catastrophic injuries on behalf of cities, counties, and other governmental entities. She has been doing this work since she first started practicing in 2007, and she has since been recognized as a Washington Law & Politics Super Lawyer and as a "Best Lawyer in America" in the areas of Civil Rights Law and Municipal Law. Ann has served as first and second chair in numerous trials, defended involved cities and officers in King County inquest proceedings, and presented oral argument in both the Washington State Court of Appeals and the Ninth Circuit. She is also a member of the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel ("FDCC"), a peer-selected organization dedicated to the legal defense community, where she is currently the Chair of the FDCC Trial Tactics Section and a Vice Chair of the Civil Rights and Public Entity Liability Section. Ann lives in Edmonds with her husband, two daughters, and labrador retriever.

Ann truly enjoys her practice, and she is excited to share that passion with the group as defense counsel during the mock trial.