

# HOT TOPICS IN MENTAL HEALTH & LAW: CIVIL COMMITMENT

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## “A Panel Discussion on the Civil Commitment Hot Topics Series”

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**November 12, 12:00–1:00 p.m. PT**

"Civil Commitment 101: Overview of History and Current Practices"

*Shadoe Jones, JD*

**December 13, 12:00–1:00 p.m. PT**

"Civil Commitment Through the Ethics Lens: How We Got Here"

*Philip Candilis, MD*

**January 7, 12:00–1:00 p.m. PT**

"Designated Crisis Responders and the Involuntary Treatment Act in Washington State"

*Dawn Macready-Santos, LICSW and Laura Pippin, MSP*

**February 4, 12:00–1:00 p.m. PT**

"Lived Experiences with Civil Commitment"

*Carolynn Ponzoha, Karen Schilde, Laura Van Tosh*

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**March 4, 12:00–1:00 p.m. PT**

"An Academic-State-Community Partnership to Create a CBT Continuum of Care for Involuntary Committees in Washington State"

*Sarah Kopelovich, PhD, ABPP*

**April 1, 12:00–1:00 p.m. PT**

"Navigating Juvenile Involuntary Commitment in Washington State"

*Shawgi Silver, MD, MPHS*

**May 13, 12:00–1:00 p.m. PT**

"Policy Perspectives on Washington's Continuum of Care for Severe Mental Illness"

*Manka Dhingra, JD*

**June 10, 12:00–1:00 p.m. PT**

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As a result of participating in this presentation, learners will be able to:

1. Identify the diverse perspectives on civil commitment presented throughout the series
2. Explore ongoing community needs concerning civil commitment, crisis care, and evidence-based practice across the behavioral health care continuum





# PANELISTS

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