

**February 4, 2025 at 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM**

**Location:** Zoom

**Description:** The University of Washington's Center for Mental Health, Policy, and the Law in the Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences is pleased to host an 8-session speaker series on civil commitment. Civil commitment, or involuntary commitment, is a legal intervention by which a person with serious mental illness, or other criteria, may be ordered to a psychiatric hospital or receive supervised outpatient treatment for some period of time. Recent changes in the laws governing civil commitment across the country have fueled the longstanding debate about the role of civil commitment, understanding the balance between ensuring public welfare and protecting one's civil liberties, and providing quality health care services within the mental health care continuum. This series brings together an array of experts, including clinicians, legal professionals, educators, policymakers, and individuals with lived experience to provide a foundational, as well as advanced, content on civil commitment laws and processes, ethical considerations, and clinical practices for caring for persons with mental illness. The series is intended to be useful to both professional and community audiences.

**Accreditation Statement:**

Accreditation with Commendation: The University of Washington School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.



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