

BENTON COUNTY OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENSE

In-House Training Program – Nov 5, 2018

Operating a Successful Law Practice in the Digital Age

Pending approval for 2.0 hours of CLE credit.

AGENDA

Time	Topic	Location	Instructor
1:00 – 2:00	Running a Private Law Practice in the Digital Age Tips, tools, & lessons learned from a fast-growing law firm.	Benton County Health Department Classroom	Brett Spooner Founder & Managing Partner Gravis Law, PLLC
2:00 – 3:00	Digital Privacy, Security, & Ethics Fulfilling your obligations to your clients & the State Bar while taking advantage of the best law practice technology.	Benton County Health Department Classroom	Eric Hsu Public Defense Manager Benton County OPD

Presenter Bios

Brett Spooner – Founder & Managing Partner, Gravis Law, PLLC
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Brett Spooner is the Founder, Chief Executive Officer, and Managing Partner of Gravis Law, PLLC a National Law Firm with headquarters in Richland Washington. On a day to day basis Brett runs Gravis Law and dedicates much of his free time to the growth and expansion of small businesses and the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the Tri-Cities. As an angle investor, tech enthusiast, and serial entrepreneur, he merges his skills and interests to solve access-to-law problems.

Brett earned his law degree from Gonzaga University School of Law in 2013 after four years working in the legal and tech sector. At Gonzaga, he focused his studies on Business Law and Securities Regulation, working in the Business Law Clinic, and organized joint entrepreneurial and startup efforts across the community. Through law school he grew, started his first privately held investment company, and managed a national consulting company that provided software implementation, cybersecurity, and process management procedures to law firms and banks. After Gonzaga he jumped right into practice for himself and Founded Gravis Law, PLLC.

He is currently the Founder and CEO of Manage Squared, Inc. a software as a service company that makes legal case management software, and President of a co-working space called Fuse, where one of Gravis Law, PLLC's offices is located. Further, because of his strong interest in economic development, he is on the Board of the Tri-Cities Regional Chamber of Commerce, Gesa Credit Union, Wildland Labs, Inc, and State of Motion, where he focuses his volunteer time with organizations that further the

entrepreneurial ecosystem. Brett is passionate about spreading his knowledge about business with his community, he provides education openly to the community every chance he gets; teaching about business and law at both Launch University, Fuse, Washington State University Tri-Cities, Columbia Basin Community College, where he lectures on topics such as entrepreneurship, business development, board development, millennials in the workforce, and private access to capital.

Brett's goal is to solve accessibility issues in law, entrepreneurship, and economic development across the nation. He is a serial entrepreneur himself and seeks to achieve a healthy balance between real world business experience and the legal profession. To attain this harmony, he is actively engaged in multiple philanthropic works, investment funds, commercial real estate development, and private business endeavors ranging from a solar-powered distillery to software as a service company.

When Brett is not immersed in the business community of the Tri-Cities, he spends time with his wife and daughters. He also enjoys mountain biking, hunting, golf, and writing science fiction. He believes most in the national activation of local community impact, and capitalism for cause.

Mr. Spooner's ultimate goal is to make the law more accessible to businesses. He is a serial entrepreneur himself and seeks to achieve a healthy balance between real world business experience and the legal profession. To achieve this balance, he is engaged in multiple business endeavors including a solar-powered distillery and numerous software companies.

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Eric has worked in the criminal justice system for 18 years in roles ranging from police officer and police academy instructor in Oregon, to (now) public defense manager in Benton County, Washington. Eric graduated from the Oregon Police Academy in 2000 and received the Outstanding Shooter award for his class. Three years later, Eric returned to the Oregon Police Academy as a legal instructor and instructed new recruits on a variety of topics including Use of Force. Now, Eric manages the Benton County Office of Public Defense, a position he has held for over 10 years.

During his nights, weekends, & other spare time, Eric devotes his efforts to helping grow the local small business and entrepreneurial ecosystem. He has volunteered his time as a legal coach with Launch Weekend and Startup Weekend (local, mini-Shark-Tank-like weekends), served as a guest presenter at MBA classes at WSU Tri-Cities, coached aspiring entrepreneurs on their pitches, and helped many local small businesses with their strategic needs. Eric is a technology enthusiast (or geek as some would say) and enjoys helping businesses and professionals alike navigate the fast-paced and constantly evolving juncture of technology, security, privacy, ethics, business, & law.

Ethics Credit Information

The presenters anticipate discussing the following RCPs in the context of the topics listed:

Rule 1.3 – Diligence

Rule 1.4 – Communication

Rule 1.6 – Confidentiality

Rule 1.7 – Conflict of Interest

Rule 1.8 – Conflict of Interest

Rule 1.9 – Duties to former clients

Rule 1.18 – Duties to prospective clients

Rule 7.1 - Communication Concerning a Lawyer's Services

Rule 7.2 - Advertising