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# Three Rivers Value Society



The Three Rivers Value Society (formerly Eastern Washington State Chapter) recently had an attorney for their guest speaker. The meeting was exhilarating with the audience assisting in developing a FAST diagram on the Judicial System and Public Law.

## An Hour of "The Value of Public Law 104-106, the Power of Function Statements, and the Courtroom Experience"

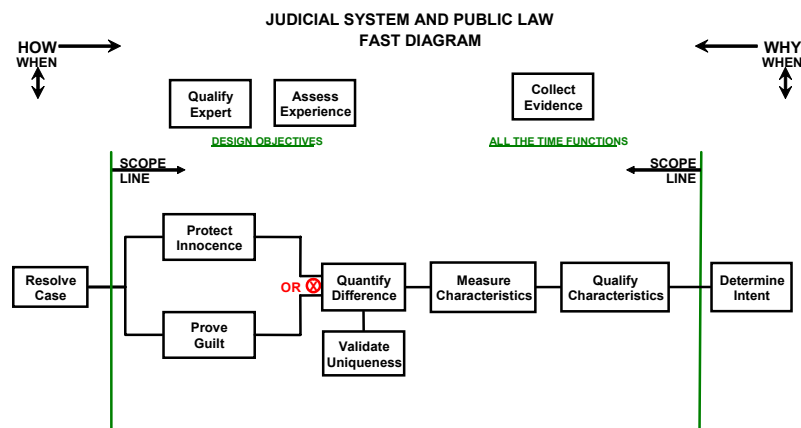
With

Richard Johnston, BS, MS, MBA, J.D.

Our Chapter was honored with the presence and keynote address of Richard Johnston. Mr. Johnston has a BS, Industrial Engineering; MS Engineering; MBA; and J.D. magna cum laude. Our President, Richard Harrington was first introduced to Mr. Johnston in 1989 when he attended his class on work simplification. Since that time, Mr. Johnston changed careers and is now a felony defense attorney and public defender for Benton County.

These 90 minutes on public law, power of function statements, and the courtroom experience was priceless (informative, educational, thought provoking, and filled with joy and laughter). Mr. Johnston presented his perspective of the law (e.g., what is reasonable and unreasonable), function statements, and his experiences in the courtroom. We discovered that "reasonable" does not have boundaries; therefore it is difficult to determine what is reasonable in a court of law. Another word that has no boundaries and is difficult to determine is "fundamental fairness."

While discussing reasonable, unreasonable, and fundamental fairness, Mr. Johnston engaged the audience to help him develop a FAST Diagram to solve this judicial system problem, as illustrated on page 2. Following the FAST diagram, the attendees began to brainstorm functions to solve Mr. Johnston's challenge. Mr. Johnston stopped the brainstorming with a challenge to the audience to conduct a VE study on the United States Constitution.



Everyone enjoyed the excerpts and witticisms from Mr. Johnston's experiences. These 90 minutes seemed like five; the attendees didn't want him to leave and kept asking questions about different aspects of the law and wanting more witticisms and experiences. Those who were unable to attend missed a wonderful and exhilarating experience.