

WDA staff screen our listserv subscription requests to ensure that no member of law enforcement, prosecution or the bench is allowed to join. To maintain the freedom of discussion that our list members currently enjoy, we also ask the following of our subscribers:

- Immediately report any change in practice or status that may present a conflict of interest in their list participation. Reports or questions about potential conflicts can be made to wda@defensenet.org, or you can follow the instructions in the footer of each listserv message to unsubscribe.
- Do not forward any listserv correspondence to any person not currently subscribed to the list. We realize that this may be impossible to regulate once a message is in the hands of hundreds of subscribers, and some postings such as event announcements and news articles may seem safe to circulate freely, but please give first consideration to the integrity of the listservs and the concerns of other subscribers and, unless something is designated as free to be distributed, do not forward.
- Address specific cases with only as much detail as is required to receive the requested input, leaving out, as much as is practicable, information that would allow other members to identify the case in question.
- Do not use the lists as a means of self-promotion or advertising. Referrals, event notices, etc., are acceptable provided that they are posted with the other list members' benefit in mind.

The WDA listservs are a place to discuss cases, get help from other members and provide help to other members. We want discussions to be active and productive. We do not want to censor members' opinions, but we do want to maintain an environment where all members can comfortably engage without fear of judgment. With these things in mind, we ask the following of our subscribers:

- Do not flame. We are here to help each others' practices and encourage the best public defense practices possible. Attacks on colleagues' competence will only prevent other members from seeking assistance when they need it.
- Do not post unnecessary comments. If you would like to send a 'thank you' or to let someone know they did a good job, do so in a private message to their email address. Our listservs receive the most sign-offs when they become overly active with non-substantive messages. Many of us receive dozens of emails every day and even well intended posts can be a nuisance to many subscribers.

Violations of these policies will be addressed on a case-by-case basis and may result in warnings or expulsion from the lists. Such determinations are at the discretion of WDA staff and/or the WDA board of directors.

Any comments, questions or concerns can be addressed to Adam Hodgin at adam@defensenet.org, or call 206-623-4321.