NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR WSBA TO FILE AMICUS CURIAE BRIEF IN WILLIAMSON v DAVIDSSON

The Washington State Bar Association Amicus Curiae Brief Committee is considering a request that the WSBA appear as amicus curiae in the case, *Jennifer Williamson v. John Davidsson.* The Committee will consider this request at its next regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday May 8, 2013.

The issue that the WSBA is requested to address in an amicus curiae brief relates to "the likely results in Washington State family law cases when one side is represented by counsel during trial (while the other side is not)". Davidsson, acting pro se, is petitioning the Washington Supreme Court to accept review in this case of issues regarding the trial court's decisions designating the mother as the primary custodial parent and decision-maker for the children, ordering the father to refinance or sell the couple's condominium, excluding witnesses and exhibits, and awarding attorney fees to the mother. Davidsson originally was represented by counsel in the matter, but his lawyer withdrew before trial, so he was pro se at trial. Williamson was represented by counsel at trial. The Court of Appeals, Division I, in an unpublished opinion, affirmed the trial court's ruling in all respects.

Any person or entity may submit comments to the Committee and the Board of Governors on whether this request meets the criteria set forth in the WSBA Amicus Curiae Brief Policy, which may be reviewed at:

http://www.wsba.org/Legal-Community/Committees-Boards-and-Other-Groups/~/media/Files/Legal%20Community/Committees Boards Panels/Amicus%20Curiae%20Committee/amicuspolicy.ashx

Comments should be addressed to Jean McElroy, General Counsel/Chief Regulatory Counsel, Washington State Bar Association, 1325 Fourth Ave., Ste. 600, Seattle, WA 98101-2539 or to jeanm@wsba.org.

Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday May 1, 2013.