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Justice Tom Chambers Receives 2012 Lifetime Service Award

(SEATTLE) — The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) has chosen WSBA Past-president and retiring Washington State Supreme Court Justice **Tom Chambers** for its 2012 Lifetime Service Award. This is a special award given for a lifetime of service to the WSBA and the public; it is given only when there is someone especially deserving of this recognition. WSBA President **Stephen Crossland** presented the award at the WSBA Annual Awards Dinner on Sept. 20, 2012, at the Hyatt at Olive 8 in Seattle.

“I can think of no one more deserving of the Lifetime Achievement Award than Justice Tom Chambers, who has been a president of the WSBA, a Supreme Court justice, and a long-time advocate for making the justice system more accessible to people without money,” said WSBA President-elect **Michele Radosevich**.

Justice Tom Chambers was raised in Wapato, Washington. He attended Yakima Valley Community College and Washington State University, and received his law degree from the University of Washington School of Law. Justice Chambers was elected to the Washington State Supreme Court in 2000 and re-elected in 2006. Prior to joining the court, he enjoyed a distinguished legal career for more than 30 years and earned a reputation as a preeminent trial lawyer. Justice Chambers has served as president of four statewide lawyer organizations, including the WSBA. Justice Chambers has published more than 100 articles, authored a two-volume book entitled *The Thomas J. Chambers Trial Notebook*, and has written and produced two instructional videos. He regularly speaks to high schools and community groups around the state about the law and the judiciary.

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Working Together to Champion Justice

Justice Chambers and his wife, Judy, have actively given back to the community. In 1999, they received the Good Neighbor Award for 20 years of commitment and service to the residents of Seattle Public Housing. Justice Chambers serves as an honorary member of the Rise n' Shine Foundation Board (a foundation dedicated to the children of parents who have contracted HIV/AIDS), and is a past board member of the United Way of King County and Providence Seattle Medical Foundation. Justice Chambers received the Distinguished Alumnus Awards from the University of Washington School of Law and from Yakima Valley Community College.

In 2006, Justice Chambers was named Outstanding Judge of the Year by King County Washington Women Lawyers.

About the Washington State Bar Association

The WSBA is part of the judicial branch, exercising a governmental function authorized by the Washington State Supreme Court to license the state's 34,800 lawyers. The WSBA both regulates lawyers under the authority of the Court and serves its members as a professional association — all without public funding. The WSBA's mission is to serve the public and the members of the Bar, ensure the integrity of the legal profession, and to champion justice.

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