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Caitlin Davis Carlson Receives 2013 WSBA President's Award

Award recognizes Davis Carlson's wise stewardship of resources for the Legal Foundation of Washington's mission of equal justice for low-income individuals

SEATTLE, WA [Sept. 27, 2013] — The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) has presented Legal Foundation of Washington Executive Director **Caitlin Davis Carlson** with the 2013 President's Award. The President's Award is given annually in recognition of a special accomplishment or service to the WSBA. WSBA President **Michele Radosevich** presented the award at the WSBA President's Reception on Sept. 25, 2013, in Seattle.

The award is being presented in recognition of Davis Carlson's stewardship of resources for the Legal Foundation of Washington. During the past five years, as IOLTA funds have dwindled, she has found grants, *cy pres* awards, and other funds to keep the program operational.

Since 2005, Davis Carlson has been the executive director of the Legal Foundation of Washington (LFW), a not-for-profit organization created at the direction of the Washington State Supreme Court to administer the Interest on Lawyer's Trust Accounts (IOLTA) program in Washington state. From 2003–05, Davis Carlson served as the LFW's associate director, and from 1997–2003 as its grant manager. Before joining the LFW, she was the King County Bar Association/Foundation's membership and development officer, and served as assistant editor of the *KCBA Bar Bulletin*.

Davis Carlson serves on the Limited License Legal Technician Board, the Seattle University School of Law Leadership for Justice Fellowship Selection Committee, and is a non-attorney member of the King County Bar Association Judicial Screening Committee. She is also a 2013 participant in the Washington Equal Justice Leadership Academy, a yearlong training program aimed at creating a broader, more diverse, skilled and effective community of equal justice leaders.

"Washington's equal justice community owes a debt of gratitude to Caitlin," said **César Torres**, executive director of the Northwest Justice Project. "Her passion and unswerving focus on expanding access to justice for low-income and vulnerable persons has for years helped maintain Washington's Alliance for Equal Justice as a national model, and during the recent economic crisis, her foresight and strategic vision made it possible for Washington's legal aid providers to survive and even to expand services to thousands of families facing foreclosure across the state."

About the Washington State Bar Association

The WSBA is part of the judicial branch and is authorized by the Washington State Supreme Court to license the state's 35,400 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.

About the Legal Fund of Washington

The Legal Foundation of Washington is dedicated to equal justice for low-income persons. The Foundation funds programs and supports policies and initiatives which enable the poor and the most vulnerable to overcome barriers in the civil justice system.

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