



Nancy A. Jewett Receives WSBA Local Hero Award

District court administrator to be recognized for her career of service and her dedication to serving at-risk children through the CASA program

SEATTLE, WA [July 30, 2013] — The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) has presented **Nancy A. Jewett** with its Local Hero Award, in recognition of her career of service to the Washington court system and legal community. WSBA President **Michele Radosevich** presented the award at a luncheon in Cle Elum on Friday, July 26, which was attended by members of the WSBA Board of Governors and local attorneys and judges. Jewett was nominated by the Kittitas County Bar Association.

“Nancy is truly a local hero because at every stage in her long career, she has always been, first and foremost, a woman who finds the time to help those in need of her thoughtful and loving energy,” said retired Lower Kittitas County District Court Judge **Thomas Haven**. “Since Nancy is the kind of person whose help often comes in quiet, behind-the-scenes ways, it is particularly fitting that she be acknowledged by a bar association that so often benefited from her intelligence and wisdom.”

Jewett began her career in the legal profession as a legal assistant. She served as the court administrator for Lower County District Court for 16 years. During that time, she also served as court commissioner for retired Lower District Court Judge **Thomas Haven**. Jewett served as president of the state’s association of district court administrators, and advised other district courts on their court improvement initiatives. She worked on developing a plan for the eventual creation of a courthouse facilitator position in Kittitas County that, if implemented, would improve access to the courts for persons of limited and moderate means.

In addition to her professional duties, Jewett is an active volunteer in the community, particularly as a court-appointed special advocate (CASA) for dependent children under the jurisdiction of Kittitas County Superior Court. In that capacity, she has been an officer of the superior court for more than 23 years.

Since her retirement from district court, Jewett spends hundreds of hours each year serving vulnerable children in the community. She volunteers at Mt. Stuart Elementary, serves on the county’s juvenile court accountability board, and continues her work as a CASA volunteer. In addition, she serves as the CASA liaison to the CASA program’s board of directors, and also assists the program as a volunteer trainer and mentor for new advocates. Jewett is well known and respected for her thorough investigations, sound judgment, and the ability to find resources to help dependent children and their families after others have given up the search.

About the WSBA Local Hero Award

The Local Hero Award is presented by the WSBA Board of Governors to those who have made noteworthy contributions to their communities.

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.

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