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Steven H. Sackmann Receives 2012 WSBA Professionalism Award

(SEATTLE) — The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) has presented Othello attorney **Steven H. Sackmann** with the 2012 Professionalism Award. This honor is awarded to a WSBA member who exemplifies the spirit of professionalism in the practice of law. Sackmann is being recognized for his reputation as a skilled negotiator and litigator as well as his integrity, civility, and advocacy. 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.

Steven is “a leader in the community and in law,” said Connell attorney **Toni Meacham**. “He is highly rated and highly respected in the community...[and] has a lifetime of experience and helping others.... Steve is known for his professional conduct, his fair dealing, being a leader...and being an advocate for his clients.”

“Steve has always demonstrated...a practical and knowledgeable approach,” said Seattle attorney **Gregory S. McElroy**. “He epitomizes the small-town, regional lawyer who knows everyone and is trusted widely.... [He has] a willingness to train and mentor other lawyers, especially younger lawyers in the area; an approach to law that makes it a profession, not just a business; courtesy to other lawyers; and a willingness to help connect the people he sees with other members of the profession.”

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Sackmann, an Eastern Washington native born and raised in Odessa, received his undergraduate degree from Washington State University and his law degree from the University of Washington School of Law in 1966. His legal career has spanned four decades in private practice, focusing on farm Chapter 11 and 12 reorganizations, commercial and farm leases, real estate, business law, general practice, and litigation; in 1975, he opened his own practice, Sackmann Law Office, with his wife, Sonja I. Sackmann, who passed away from ovarian cancer in July 2008.

Currently Sackmann serves as attorney for the Port of Othello. He is also the president of the Adams County Bar Association.

Sackmann lives in Othello with his wife, Jacqueline. He has two children, Nicole Amoruso, who lives in Othello with her husband Darren, and Brandon Sackmann, who lives in Olympia with his wife Katherine; two step-children, Robyn Moore, who lives in Moses Lake with her husband John, and Cedar Dixon, who lives in Silverdale; and seven grandchildren.

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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