



Judge T.W. “Chip” Small Receives WSBA Norm Maleng Leadership Award

Judge recognized for his innovations in promoting access to, understanding of, and support for the legal system

SEATTLE, WA [Sept. 27, 2013] — The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) has presented Chelan County Superior Court Judge **T.W. “Chip” Small** with the 2013 Norm Maleng Leadership Award. The award is in recognition of his dedicated service to access to justice issues, and providing mentoring and guidance to youth about the legal system and careers in the law. WSBA President **Michele Radosevich** presented the award at the WSBA Annual Awards Dinner on Sept. 26, 2013, at the Grand Hyatt Seattle.

“Judge Small is firmly committed to access to justice for all and has contributed many, many hours towards that goal,” said fellow Chelan County Superior Court Judge **Lesley Allan**. “He is energetic and innovative in promoting access to, understanding of, and support for the legal system, especially among youth.”

Judge Small pioneered the idea of a Diversity Justice Day for Youth (DJD4Y) in Chelan/Douglas counties, and has led the committee planning this biannual event since 2009. The event offers opportunities for middle and high school students to meet leaders in the legal community — judges, attorneys, interpreters, law enforcement officers, corrections officers, and juvenile probation officers — and learn more about careers in the legal field. Activities include a mock trial presentation, breakout sessions on current topics, and a keynote speaker. At the 2013 event, attended by over 250 students, Washington Supreme Court Justice **Steven González** was the keynote speaker, challenging Latina/o students to find constructive ways to overcome negative racial stereotypes.

Judge Small also frequently mentors high school students through “job shadow” opportunities. A student will sit beside him on the bench during a half-day of cases, followed by a debriefing session and a discussion about the legal system, the courts, and being a judge.

Judge Small was instrumental in founding the Chelan-Douglas County Volunteer Services nonprofit corporation, which coordinates the bar association’s contribution of hundreds of hours of pro bono services each year. He also served as chair of the Washington State Access to Justice Board, established in 1994 to achieve equal access to the civil justice system for those facing economic and other significant barriers.

About the WSBA Norm Maleng Leadership Award

This award is given jointly by the WSBA and the Access to Justice Board, in honor of Norm Maleng's legacy as a leader. He was an innovative and optimistic leader committed to justice and access to justice in both civil and criminal settings. Within the profession, his leadership was characterized by his love of the law and commitment to diversity and mentorship. This award recognizes those who embody these qualities.

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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