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Kathleen C. Field Named 2012 Recipient of WSBA Pro Bono Award

(SEATTLE) — The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) Board of Governors has awarded Lynnwood attorney **Kathleen “Kay” Field** the 2012 WSBA Pro Bono Award. The award was presented on June 9 at the Access to Justice/Bar Leaders Conference in Yakima. The Pro Bono award is presented to a lawyer, non-lawyer, law firm, or bar association for outstanding efforts in providing pro bono services; it is based on cumulative efforts, as opposed to a lawyer’s or group’s pro bono hours or financial contribution. Field was honored for her decade of work in creating and operating a free family law clinic at Pathways for Women/YWCA and a long history of working with nonprofits.

Field received her undergraduate degree from the College of Idaho and her law degree from the University of Washington School of Law; she also holds a master’s degree in political science from the University of Washington, and is a certified mediator.

Field began her legal career as a deputy prosecutor with the Snohomish County Prosecutor’s Office from 1982–88. She was in private practice from 1988–2000, with a focus on family law and personal injury. Field was also the founder of A Better Way Mediation Services. From 1988–2007, she was also a judge pro tem with the Snohomish County Superior Court. She served as a WSBA special investigator from 1993–96, and as a WSBA hearings examiner for disciplinary proceedings from 1998–2000. Since 2002, she has worked with Pathways for Women/YWCA, creating and staffing their family law clinic for low-income individuals, which is co-sponsored by Snohomish County Legal Services.

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Field has been an active member of her community. She served on the Edmonds Community College Board of Trustees from 2002–07, including a term as its president. She was chair and co-chair of the Snohomish County Bar Association Family Law Committee from 1996–2001. She also served with Columbia Legal Services from 1996–2001. Over the course of her career, Field has served with many other agencies, including Washington Women Lawyers, the Governor’s Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, the Child Abuse Prevention Association of Washington, and the Snohomish County Children’s Commission.

In 2011, Field received the David Castle Pro Bono Publico Award from Snohomish County Legal Services, and an award from Zonta International (a global organization of executives and professionals working to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy) for community service.

“I feel honored to be recognized with this award,” said Field. “There are lots of volunteers out there working, attorneys and non-attorneys, who never receive the recognition they deserve.”

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. As a regulatory agency, the WSBA administers the bar admission process, including the bar exam; provides record-keeping and licensing functions; and administers the lawyer-discipline system. As a professional association, the WSBA provides continuing legal education for attorneys, in addition to numerous other educational and member-service activities. Connect with WSBA on our website, www.wsba.org, or via Facebook at [facebook.com/wastatebar-main](https://www.facebook.com/wastatebar-main) or on Twitter @WaStateBar.

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