



It Takes All of Us

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The Washington State Bar Association is a complex intermingling of functions including regulatory services, public protection, elevating the practice of law, and “working together to champion justice.” General Rule 12 and the WSBA Bylaws define our work and that of the Board of Governors and Bar staff.

The WSBA, as an entity, depends on a myriad of members for their leadership and input to accomplish its purposes and goals. President Taylor has pledged to meet with and acknowledge members all across the state. The officers and I recently had the pleasure of coming face-to-face with WSBA members from seven Washington counties. This column pays recognition to and thanks members in Asotin, Clallam, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Mason, Pacific, and Whitman counties for their participation in WSBA activities and bar leadership.



On January 24, the WSBA team (President Taylor, President-elect Dial, and Executive Director Michels) were joined by Fifth District Governor Mike Pontarolo at a meeting with 35 members from Whitman and Asotin counties. Back row: Denis Tracy (Whitman County prosecutor and Committee for Public Defense member), Mike Pontarolo (WSBA governor, Fifth District), Ellen Conedera Dial (WSBA president-elect), Michael Pettit (Whitman County Bar Association president), Robert Patrick (former WSBA Disciplinary Board and Legislative Committee member), Guy Nelson (former Rules Committee chair), Robert Rembert (WSBA Electronic Legal Research Evaluation Team member), and Dave Savage (past WSBA president). Front row: Brooke Taylor (WSBA president), and Colleen Harrington (WSBA Litigation Section chair).



Michael Pettit (Whitman County Bar Association president) of Pullman with Brooke Taylor (WSBA president) and Dave Savage (past WSBA president).



WSBA Governor Michael Pontarolo congratulates Wesley Nuxoll of Colfax on his 51 years of membership.



On February 11, the officers visited Jefferson and Clallam counties. They talked with North Peninsula members about governor rotations, the discipline system, and the need to promote the independence of the judiciary. Pictured are (left to right): Salvador Mungia (WSBA governor, Sixth District), Ellen Conedera Dial (WSBA president-elect), Brooke Taylor (WSBA president), Shane Seaman (Jefferson County Bar Association president), and W. Brent Basden (Clallam County Bar Association president).

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On March 1, the WSBA team visited with the Grays Harbor, Mason, and Pacific county bar associations. More than 30 members were at the lunch when President Brooke Taylor presented a Local Hero Award to Pacific County District Court Judge Douglas E. Goelz and spoke about his emphasis on the “Four Corners of Freedom.” A question-and-answer period followed. Pictured are (left to right): H. Steward Menefee (Grays Harbor County prosecutor), Salvador Mungia (WSBA governor, Sixth District), Brooke Taylor (WSBA president), Gary Burleson (Mason County prosecutor), Ben Settle (Mason County member), Tom Keehan (Grays Harbor County Bar vice president).



Brooke Taylor and the WSBA thank Brooke's law firm, Platt Irwin Taylor, for their support of Brooke's presidency. Members of the firm pose with Brooke and President-elect Ellen Conedera Dial: (left to right) Bart G. Irwin, Gary R. Colley, Brooke Taylor (WSBA president), Ellen Conedera Dial (WSBA president-elect), Stephen C. Moriarty, and Simon Barnhart. Not pictured are Stephen E. Oliver, David H. Neupert, and Patrick Irwin.