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Robin Lynn Haynes Receives 2012 Outstanding Young Lawyer Award

(SEATTLE) — The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) Young Lawyers Division has presented Spokane attorney **Robin Lynn Haynes** with the 2012 Outstanding Young Lawyer Award. This award honors a young lawyer who has made a valuable contribution to Washington's legal community and is presented each year by the WYLD. Recipients of this award have shown an outstanding commitment to the provision of pro bono services to those in need and have made significant contributions to the professional community, especially young lawyers. 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.

"Robin is exceptional at forging stronger connections between young lawyer groups around the state," said WSBA Young Lawyers Division President Dainen Penta. "Her work on the local level with the SYLD has extended to building strong connections between Spokane young lawyers and the WYLD. She is an incredible advocate and support for her young lawyer colleagues." Haynes is currently the governor-at-large representing the Washington Young Lawyers Division; she was chosen for the award prior to joining the WSBA Board of Governors.

Haynes received her undergraduate degree in English and political science, and a master's degree in English literature, from Gonzaga University; she received her law degree from Gonzaga University School of Law. She joined the firm of Reed & Giesa, P.S., in 2005 as a law clerk and in 2011 became its first female partner.

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Haynes's involvement in the legal community began shortly after her graduation from law school, when she began serving regularly as a volunteer judge for moot court and student competitions at Gonzaga. Since 2009, she has served as a mentor for first-year law students and has spoken on panels at student events. She helped to organize an interview skills networking event in April 2012 for Gonzaga law students with the Spokane County Young Lawyers Division (SYLD) and WYLD. Since 2008, she has served on a SYLD Board, first as a trustee and then as its secretary, president-elect, and 2011–12 president. Haynes served on the Spokane County Bar Association Board of Trustees and Strategic Planning Committee, as well as the Volunteer Lawyers Program's Board of Directors. In 2010, she became the Greater Spokane District trustee to the WYLD Board of Trustees, also serving as its liaison to the Membership Outreach Committee.

“[Robin] is a very intelligent and tough advocate, yet courteous to opposing counsel and compassionate to the interests of her clients,” said Spokane County Bar Association Executive Director **Penny L. Youde**. “We are equally impressed with Robin's volunteer work and commitment to improving our local legal community.... Robin is regarded as a leader in our legal community and a most deserving recipient of the WYLD Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year Award.”

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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