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Lynn Johnson to Receive WSBA Local Hero Award

(SEATTLE) — The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) is pleased to present Tacoma attorney **Lynn Johnson** with its Local Hero Award, in recognition of her work with the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association (TPCBA). The Local Hero Award is presented by the WSBA Board of Governors as it travels around the state to those who have made noteworthy contributions to their communities. The WSBA Board of Governors will meet in Tacoma on Friday, October 28. WSBA President **Stephen R. Crossland** will present the award at a luncheon on October 28, at the Hotel Murano, attended by members of the Board of Governors and members of the local bench and bar.

Over the course of Johnson's 30-year legal career, she has served on various Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association boards and committees. Johnson has served as a TPCBA trustee (1999–03), as secretary-treasurer (2003–05), as TPCBA president (2006–07), and as president of the TPCBA Family Law Section (1996). She is currently chair of the TPCBA Friend Committee (created by Judge Marywave Van Deren to acknowledge significant life events for TPCBA members and their immediate families), a trustee on the TPCBA Family Law Section Board, a trustee on the Collaborative Professionals of Pierce County's Board of Directors, a member of the Robert J. Bryan Inns of Court, a member of the Early Mediation Committee, and a member of the Superior Court Commission. Johnson has also served on the TPCBA Bar News Editorial Board and its Local Rules Committee. She is also a member, and trustee on the Board, of the Collaborative Law Professionals of Pierce County.

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In 2008, Johnson received the TPCBA's Outstanding Service Award for her contributions to the Tacoma-Pierce County legal community. In 2010, she received the Marilyn Holzman Humanitarian Award for her hard work and humanitarian efforts.

Johnson received her undergraduate degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and her law degree from the University of Puget Sound School of Law (now Seattle University School of Law). She has been a sole practitioner since 1983, with a practice focusing on family law.

"Ms. Johnson has been a tremendous member of our local bar for over 30 years," wrote **Brett Purtzer**, president of the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association. "[She] has graciously served on numerous committees with the goal of improving both our local organization and the legal profession."

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 34,580 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.

The governance of the WSBA is vested in its Board of Governors. There are three governors from the seventh congressional district; one from each of the other eight districts; and three at-large, one of whom represents the Young Lawyers Division. The president is **Stephen R. Crossland**, of Cashmere. The president-elect is **Michele G. Radosevich**, of Seattle, and the immediate past-president is **Steven G. Toole**, of Bellevue. The Board meets regularly (every six weeks) at various locations around the state, and its meetings are open to the public. Much of the work of the Bar is carried out through its numerous standing committees, 27 sections, and a Young Lawyers Division with its many committees.

The Washington State Bar Association'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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