

# WASHINGTON STATE B A R A S S O C I A T I O N

## **A message regarding the WSBA President**

Due to medical reasons and upon the recommendation of his doctor, Brad Furlong has announced his resignation as President of the WSBA, effective Saturday, March 17. As Brad addresses health issues and continues to advocate for the rule of law in his private capacity, he wants every member to know what an honor it has been to serve as a WSBA governor and officer for the past four and a half years.

Throughout his years of service, Brad has spoken often of his personal journey to better understand and advocate for the diversity and inclusion of people and ideas throughout the state's legal community. It is clear he cares deeply and thinks deeply about the legal profession's present and future and believes that assuring access to justice for marginalized and disenfranchised people and the wellness and success of WSBA members are paramount to the justice system.

Per the WSBA Bylaws, President-Elect Bill Pickett will fulfill the remainder of the current President's term through the September 2018 Board of Governors meeting and then begin his own President's term from October 2018 through September 2019.

Please join us in thanking Brad and wishing him well as he takes the time he needs and deserves to focus on his health.