RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF Llewelyn G. Pritchard, the 2016 recipient of the American Bar Foundation Fellows Outstanding Service Award

WHEREAS, Llewelyn Pritchard has practiced law in Washington state for 52 years and is a partner at Helsell Fetterman. He holds bar number 14, the lowest number of any active practicing attorney.

WHEREAS, Llewelyn Pritchard has dedicated his professional career to service, starting early as an advocate for diversity in the legal profession and for the rights of sexual minorities. It is fitting that he pursued his career in King County, named in honor of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and in a state that has been at the forefront of the movement to recognize the rights of same-sex couples to marry.

WHEREAS, Llewelyn Pritchard was also a leader in the plight of immigrants and their legal needs. During the Clinton Administration, Pritchard worked with the ABA Immigration Commission to reform immigration detention and deportation processes, helping to raise some $5 million to assist in the effort.

WHEREAS, Llewelyn Pritchard’s work is never done, working also on behalf of marginalized populations that included him serving as chair of the ABA Legal Aid and Indigent Defense Committee where he helped secure expanded funding for the Legal Services Corporation, a federal entity that helps fund civil legal aid for organizations like Northwest Justice Project.

WHEREAS, Llewelyn Pritchard is lauded for his civil and human rights work. His service to the profession as a bar leader is equally exemplary: Pritchard has served in more than a dozen positions with the ABA, including more than three decades in the House of Delegates.

WHEREAS, Llewelyn Pritchard’s commitment at the local level is equally impressive, serving on the WSBA Board of Governors from 1971-1974, and as Chair of the Young Lawyers Committee from 1970-71. He has been a steadfast advocate for diversity in the profession, as well as a dedicated mentor for those new to law.

WHEREAS, Llewelyn Pritchard also finds time to give back to his community. His involvement spans numerous organizations and causes, including Allied Arts; the YMCA; Fifth Avenue Theatre; Planned Parenthood; Seattle Art Museum; Seattle Symphony Orchestra; Seattle Public Defender Corporation; Deaconess Children’s Home; and the University of Puget Sound Board of Trustees.

WHEREAS, Llewelyn Pritchard’s passion, commitment and dedication to service makes him a luminary for his profession, his community, and for our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:
That the Washington State Bar Association recognizes Llewelyn Pritchard’s distinguished lifetime career of achievements that have contributed to noteworthy success in improving access to justice, human rights, diversity, and equality. His vital leadership has measurably enhanced the recognition of law as a profession.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:
That the Washington State Bar Association proudly extends its full support and congratulations to Llewelyn Pritchard as the 2016 recipient of the American Bar Foundation Fellows Outstanding Service Award.

Adopted by the Washington State Bar Association Board of Governors on January 28, 2016.

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Paula C. Littlewood
Executive Director