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Capt. Les Reardanz Receives Angelo Petrus Award

Port of Everett CEO and JAG captain acknowledged for significant contribution to the legal profession, justice system, and the public

SEATTLE, WA [Sept. 28, 2018] – The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) presented Capt. Les Reardanz the APEX 2018 Angelo Petrus Award for Lawyers in Government Service. Named in honor of Angelo R. Petrus, a senior assistant attorney general who passed away during his term of service on the WSBA Board of Governors, this award is given to a lawyer in government service who has made a significant contribution to the legal profession, the justice system, and the public. WSBA President William D. Pickett presented the award at the WSBA Annual APEX (Acknowledging Professional Excellence) Awards Dinner on Sept. 27 at the Sheraton Seattle.

As a captain in the U.S. Navy Reserve Judge Advocate General Corps (JAG), Reardanz has served overseas four times since 9/11. Many of his JAG colleagues credit him with mentoring them as a new JAG officer, and have relied on his guidance even when stationed in other parts of the world. Reardanz is widely recognized for personal ethics and professionalism, and his positive, friendly, and patient leadership.

Back at home, he is the chief executive officer of the Port of Everett and holds numerous community service positions. He serves on the board of the Everett Imagine Children’s Museum, is active in his church middle school group, and spends as much time as possible with his wife and two children.

“I think the Angelo Petrus Award is perfect for Capt. Reardanz,” said Tony Hinson, a Poulsbo attorney and Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy JAG Corps. “His entire professional career has been devoted to public service. ... Capt. Reardanz not only brings with him a vast amount of legal knowledge, but is also part diplomat, part relationship-builder, someone who can represent the United States in these legal conferences and in these legal matters in a flawless, direct, and dignified manner.”

Everett Mayor Cassie Franklin said of Reardanz, “Les is one of the most driven and collaborative people I know. He’s great to work with because he really just brings a willingness to get things done for the betterment of the community.”

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The WSBA operates under the delegated authority of the Washington Supreme Court to license the state’s nearly 40,000 lawyers and other legal professionals. In furtherance of its obligation to protect and serve the public, the WSBA both regulates lawyers and other legal professionals 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, to ensure the integrity of the legal profession, and to champion justice.

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