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Grifan Cayce Receives Pro Bono and Public Service - Individual Award

Maple Valley attorney recognized for extraordinary commitment to civics education

SEATTLE, WA [Sept. 29, 2017] —The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) presented Maple Valley attorney Grifan Cayce with its 2017 APEX Award for Pro Bono and Public Service by an individual. The award is presented to an individual, a lawyer, or other legal professional for outstanding cumulative efforts in providing pro bono services or who gives back in meaningful ways to the public, the community, or to the legal profession. WSBA President Brad Furlong presented the award at the WSBA Annual APEX (Acknowledging Professional Excellence) Awards Dinner on Sept. 28 at the Sheraton Seattle.

An associate at Cayce & Grove Law Offices in Maple Valley, Cayce has worked hard to support Tahoma High School's 'We the People' program through the Center on Civic Education. Her work supports the program, which is dedicated to teaching civics, critical thinking skills, and developing competent community members capable of engaging in civic discourse. She volunteers more than 150 hours annually, mentoring and coaching students during class time and at evening meetings, as well as reviewing and editing student essays for content and delivery and lecturing on various constitutional topics. She also traveled to Washington, D.C., to serve as a judge in the National 'We the People' finals competition.

"Ms. Cayce demonstrates a passion, for her work with the students and with the Tahoma Schools Foundation that is rare in today's busy world," says Tahoma Senior High School teacher Gretchen Wulfig. "She is the best example of a young attorney working to build a career while helping to build a strong community for the future."

In addition to her work with 'We the People,' Cayce also serves on the Washington State Council on Public Legal Education, an organization dedicated to promoting public understanding of the law and civic rights and responsibilities. She serves on the Board of the Tahoma Schools Foundation, helping to fund the gap in education funding for local students; on the Board of Directors for her local Chamber of Commerce, and she has lobbied in Olympia for her community on matters of education, transportation, and business.

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