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Law Offices of Carol L. Edward & Associates Receive Pro Bono and Public Service Award (Group)
Skagit firm commended for immigrant-rights legal assistance

SEATTLE, WA [Sept. 28, 2018] – The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) presented the Law Offices of Carol L. Edward & Associates the 2018 APEX Award for Pro Bono and Public Service (Group). This award is presented for outstanding cumulative efforts in providing pro bono services, or for giving back in meaningful ways to the public, the community, or to the legal profession. WSBA President William D. Pickett presented the award at the WSBA APEX (Acknowledging Professional Excellence) Awards Dinner on Sept. 27 at the Sheraton Seattle.

With offices in Mount Vernon and Seattle, Carol Edward, Eric Lin, Diana Chamberlin, and Leta Sanchez assist clients and families from around the world. In 2012, they developed a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) clinic in collaboration with the Skagit County Volunteer Lawyer Program. Firm attorneys staffed the clinic and provided clients with information, an application workshop, and an individual review of immigration documents. Edward notes that many of the clients her firm has helped from the robust immigrant population in Skagit County go on to contribute to the community, working in schools and other local jobs.

The firm also volunteers with other area legal clinics, and works extensively with the Skagit Immigrant Rights Council, establishing information sessions and workshops to ensure that eligible individuals could renew their DACA status before the deadline. The workshops have helped hundreds of people in Skagit County stabilize their immigration status.

“Their work with DACA clients filled a need in Skagit county,” said Skagit County Bar President Heather Webb. “Carol has created a law firm to make sure that people are educated about their rights, fulfill all of their dreams, and live the life they want. ... I have clients who have immigration issues; I’m so proud to be able to refer them to Carol and her staff.”

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