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David Nelson Receives Washington State Bar Association Local Hero Award

David Nelson recognized for his history of pro bono work and community service

VANCOUVER, WA [July 27, 2018] — The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) has named David Nelson as the most recent recipient of the Local Hero Award, in recognition of his extensive community service and volunteer work in Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties.

The Local Hero Award is given to those who have made noteworthy contributions to their communities. **WSBA President Bill Pickett will present the award at a luncheon on Friday, July 27, at the Hilton in Vancouver, Wash.** Nelson was nominated by the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Bar Association.

“David Nelson is a leader in our local legal community and frequently attends events and lends support to many agencies providing services to under-served and low-income people,” said Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Bar Association Executive Director Lori Bashor.

Nelson has volunteered and served for community groups for more than 20 years, sitting on the boards of governors of Pathways 2020, the Emergency Support Shelter, Kelso Rotary, Longview Community Church, and Habitat for Humanity. He currently serves on the boards of the Cowlitz Economic Development Council, which promotes job creation and investment through partnerships between private companies and the public; as well as the Columbia Theatre for the Performing Arts, a nonprofit dedicated to enriching the cultural lives of people in the Lower Columbia region.

Nelson frequently lends his legal expertise to protect under-served individuals, low-income clients, and immigrants in the region. He volunteers for the Cowlitz Wahkiakum Legal Aid program and has provided nearly 100 hours of volunteer work for the Emergency Support Shelter, which provides support to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

“He gives back to the community in many ways, and especially when it comes to using his talents as a lawyer,” Bashor said.

About the Washington State Bar Association

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. For more information, visit www.wsba.org.

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