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## **Bob Schultz Named Local Hero by the Washington State Bar Association**

**RICHLAND, Washington, May 2, 2024** – The Washington State Bar Association today presented Tri-Cities attorney Robert G. Schultz with the Local Hero award in recognition of his community service as an attorney and his commitment to helping people with limited means.

“Bob has dedicated most of his nearly four decades as a licensed legal professional in the Tri-Cities to bringing legal aid to people who might otherwise be unable to afford it,” said WSBA’s acting President Sunitha Anjilvel. “Through his leadership in the legal community, he encourages his colleagues to do the same.”

The Local Hero Award is presented to those who have made noteworthy contributions to their communities. Anjilvel presented Schultz with the award during the May 2 meeting of WSBA’s Board of Governors in Richland. The Benton-Franklin Counties Bar Association nominated Schultz for the award.

As a partner with Leavy Schultz Davis of Kennewick, Schultz represents clients in personal-injury and motor-vehicle collision cases. He has been twice awarded for his pro bono service, said attorney Asa LaMusga of the Benton-Franklin Counties Bar Association, in Schultz’s nomination. In addition, he has served as past president, and is a current member, of the Board of Directors of the Benton Franklin Legal Aid Society.

“Bob has invested considerable time and effort into our local legal aid program for years,” LaMusga said. “...(He) is a cheerleader for encouraging other colleagues to donate their time to legal-aid clients. His investment and commitment to legal aid has ensured that (the program) continues to be a resource for the poor in Benton and Franklin counties.



*Robert G. Schultz with WSBA Executive Director Terra Nevitt and acting President Sunitha Anjilvel.*

Schultz also has served as judge pro tempore for Benton and Franklin Counties Superior Court. His is past president of Mid-Columbia Libraries Board of Trustees; former president and member of Consumer Credit Counseling Service Board of Directors; and a member of both the Pasco Downtown Development Association Board of Directors and the Pasco Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

He has been licensed to practice law in Washington since 1985. He earned his undergraduate degree from Washington State University and his JD from Gonzaga University School of Law.

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