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Milton G. Rowland Receives Lifetime Service Award

Gonzaga School of Law Professor recognized for long history of legal service

SEATTLE, WA [Sept. 28, 2018] – The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) presented Milton G. Rowland the 2018 APEX Lifetime Service Award. This is a special award given for a lifetime of service to the legal community 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.

Rowland, a summa cum laude graduate of the Gonzaga School of Law where he now works as a professor, has more than 30 years of experience as a civil litigation attorney. Rowland is perhaps best known for being awarded the school’s Adjunct Professor of the Year so many years in a row that the award was eventually renamed the Milt Rowland Adjunct of the Year Award. Rowland combines his wit, humor, and vast knowledge to bring any topic to life.

“You can tell Milt anything, and so many of the students just pour their heart out to him,” said fellow Gonzaga School of Law Prof. Ann Murphy. “Not only has he helped people academically and legally, he’s helped them be better people.”

Anastasia Karson, a Spokane attorney and graduate of Gonzaga School of Law said of Rowland, “He just makes everybody feel special—cared about. Everything I’ve learned from Milt is about honesty and being forthright and doing the right thing.”

He has used his own life experiences to help inspire and guide other attorneys through alcohol and substance abuse; has written chapters for two books on torts and trial practice; and presented CLE courses for the Yakima County bar, the Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, and many other bar groups.

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.

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