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Ann M. Guinn Receives Lifetime Service Award

Beloved Legal Practice Consultant Recognized for Her Extensive Contributions to Solo and Small Firms

SEATTLE, WA [Sept. 27, 2019] — The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) presented Ann M. Guinn the 2019 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 annual WSBA APEX (Acknowledging Professional Excellence) Awards Dinner on Sept. 26 at the Sheraton Seattle.

As one of the most widely known and respected legal-practice consultants in this state and beyond, Guinn has been irreplaceable in her work to help lawyers achieve independent success.

Guinn started her career working in large and small law firms, and through her interactions with legal professionals discovered she had a knack for finding commonsense solutions that help grow businesses and empower small- and solo-practice lawyers. Guinn soon transitioned into an unexpected consultancy role that has kept her at the forefront of experts who can assist small and solo practitioners.

Watch a video of Guinn's life and contributions here: <https://bit.ly/2IKnluC>

"With the cheerfulness of Mary Poppins and the strategic acumen of Gen. George Patton, Ms. Guinn was instrumental in creating a new framework for my practice operations," Bellevue attorney Jeanette Bowers Weaver said. "She helped me refocus my energies in such a way that I was able to continue to meet the needs of my family as well as my clients."

Guinn's storied career has been replete with similar praise. In addition to her core consultancy work, Guinn volunteers on a variety of WSBA section executive committees, regularly serves as faculty on WSBA CLEs, and has developed lauded educational materials, such as her book, *Minding Your Own Business: The Solo and Small Firm Lawyer's Guide to a Profitable Practice*, in addition to articles in a variety of widely read legal publications.

"Ann Guinn has dramatically improved my professional satisfaction," said Andrew L. Benjamin, partner of a Seattle-based law firm. "At a juncture when many of my peers seem to be coasting to conclusion or counting the days to retirement, I have never been happier as a lawyer."

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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