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Opportunity for Service: Washington State Access to Justice Board

Mission Statement: Recognizing that access to the civil justice system is a fundamental right, the Access to Justice Board works to achieve equal access for those facing economic and other significant barriers.

One non-attorney position is opening up on the Access to Justice Board (ATJ Board)—the term starts in May 2013. If you have a demonstrated commitment to equal justice principles, please join us. Appointments are made by the Washington Supreme Court upon nomination of the Washington State Bar Association Board of Governors.

We're looking for a strategic thinker, who can advocate for the civil legal needs of low-income clients. Past collaboration with legal aid programs, service to low-income individuals and/or experience living on a low income is a plus. Service on the ATJ Board requires a substantial time commitment (ten to twenty hours per month by the end of one's term). We especially seek a new board member who can help us continue our efforts to build collaborative relationships between community-based organizations and the Alliance for Equal Justice.

ATJ Board member responsibilities include:

- Attending 7–10 Board regular meetings (most in Seattle),
- Participating in an annual day-long retreat (usually in Seattle),
- Attending the annual Access to Justice Conference (location varies),
- Serving as liaison to at least one Board committee; and,
- Active participation in Board initiatives.

ATJ Board members are reimbursed for eligible travel and mileage expenses.

How to Apply:

Application deadline is December 20, 2012, 5 pm PST¹. Please send a résumé and letter of interest addressing your commitment to access to justice, and your commitment, experience, and any contribution you feel you can make relative to diversity², to:

Allison Durazzi, staff liaison to the ATJ Board Nominating Committee

by email (preferred) allisond@wsba.org

or by post: Washington State Bar Association

1325 Fourth Ave., Ste. 600 Seattle WA 98101-2539

You can find more information about the ATJ Board, including meeting schedules and minutes, online at www.wsba.org/atj. Please contact WSBA Justice Programs Coordinator Allison Durazzi at (206) 733-5942 or allisond@wsba.org with additional questions.

Note:

The ATJ Board Nominating and Leadership Development Committee will conduct interviews with qualified applicants on Monday, January 7, 2013.

¹ Deadline was extended from 11/30/12.

² We define diversity broadly to include age, disability, ethnicity, social class, sexual orientation, indigenous background, national origin, race, religion, veteran status, gender identity and geographical location.