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Casey Arbenz Receives 2012 Young Lawyers Division Professionalism Award

(SEATTLE) — The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) Young Lawyers Division has named Tacoma attorney **Casey Arbenz** as the 2012 recipient of the Young Lawyers Division Professionalism Award. This award honors a new or young lawyer from the Washington legal community who has greatly enhanced the profession through his or her extraordinarily noble and honorable practice of law. The award will be presented at an upcoming ceremony.

"[Arbenz] has diligently worked to ensure that the young lawyers in Pierce County are an active group and are meaningfully involved with all aspects of the Bar," said attorney **Jennifer D. Andrews**. "He is one of the most hardworking and committed young lawyers I have come across, and he is highly deserving of this honor."

Arbenz was admitted to the bar in 2008 and is an associate at The Hester Law Group, in Tacoma, where his practice areas focus on criminal defense and plaintiff's personal injury cases. He is currently the president of the Tacoma/Pierce County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division and previously served as a trustee.

As president, Arbenz has created an inclusive environment for newer lawyers, focusing on programs to help young lawyers grow both professionally and socially. Arbenz oversees all of the YLD socials, and for the last two years, he has organized the annual "old vs. new" attorney softball games. He organizes CLEs for young lawyers and this year led the best-attended Law Day in many years, featuring Justice **Debra Stevens** as the keynote speaker. He has also created a mentorship program with Commissioner

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Working Together to Champion Justice

Diana Keisel and the local bar; this unique monthly program is designed to allow more experienced lawyers come to speak to newer lawyers in various aspects of the law, both substantive and practical.

"I'm very honored to be recognized in this manner and incredibly appreciative of my fellow lawyers within the WSBA," said Arbenz.

About the Washington State Bar Association

The WSBA is part of the judicial branch, exercising a governmental function authorized by the Washington State Supreme Court to license the state's 34,800 lawyers. The WSBA both regulates lawyers under the authority of the Court 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, ensure the integrity of the legal profession, and to champion justice.

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