



Phillip H. Ginsberg Receives WSBA Professionalism Award

Award recognizes Seattle attorney's career of advocacy and fighting discrimination

SEATTLE, WA [Sept. 27, 2013] — The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) has presented Seattle attorney **Phillip H. Ginsberg** with the 2013 Professionalism Award. The award is in recognition of his career of advocacy and community involvement on behalf of individuals and groups experiencing discrimination. WSBA President **Michele Radosevich** presented the award at the WSBA Annual Awards Dinner on Sept. 26, 2013, at the Grand Hyatt Seattle.

Ginsberg is a co-founder of Save Darfur – Washington State. In 2011, he coordinated and moderated a symposium entitled “Combatting Islamophobia — Am I My Brother’s Keeper?” dedicated to breaking down barriers between Christians, Muslims and Jews. In 2009, he received the Council on American/Islamic Relations Humanitarian Award.

From 1998 to 2001, Ginsberg co-chaired the King County Bar Association’s Martin Luther King Jr. Luncheon Committee and organized its annual luncheon, which raised nearly \$12,000 in 2013 for the King County Bar Foundation’s Minority Law Student Scholarship Fund. He continues to serve as a committee member.

“Lawyers seek out Phil for guidance and advice because of the extraordinary integrity and fairness that he demonstrates,” said colleague **Colleen Kinerk**. “In his practice and community service, Phil has worked tirelessly for justice.... He has an abiding kindness that reflects a profound respect for all people, regardless of their faith, creed, nationality, race, age, gender, orientation or circumstances.”

Ginsberg received his undergraduate degree from Princeton University and his law degree from Harvard Law School. From 1970–76, he was chief attorney and public defender for the King County Defender Association and is past-president of its board of directors. He is currently of counsel with the firm Hackett Beecher & Hart, where his practice focuses on representing lawyers and other professional service providers. Since 2009, he has been disciplinary counsel for the State of Washington Commission on Judicial Conduct.

Ginsberg is a co-founder and charter member of the Seattle International District Rotary Club, which became the first rotary club in the world to admit women in 1986. “In addition to Phil’s professionalism and community leadership, leaders in our Rotary Club respect him for his fairness, his ability to listen, and his genuinely respectful attitude toward everyone he meets,” said Seattle International Rotary past-president **Mardie Rhodes**.

About the WSBA Professionalism Award

This honor is awarded to a WSBA member who exemplifies the spirit of professionalism in the practice of law, as defined in the WSBA's [Creed of Professionalism](#).

About the Washington State Bar Association

The WSBA is part of the judicial branch and is authorized by the Washington State Supreme Court to license the state’s 35,400 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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