



Fé Lopez Receives WSBA Excellence in Diversity Award

*Award recognizes Lopez's dedication to advancing diversity in the legal profession
and access to justice for the Latina/o community*

SEATTLE, WA [Sept. 27, 2013] — The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) honored Seattle attorney **Fé Lopez** with the 2013 Excellence in Diversity Award. The award is in recognition of her dedication to advancing diversity in the legal profession and improving access to justice for underrepresented individuals and groups in Washington state. WSBA President **Michele Radosevich** presented the award at the WSBA Annual Awards Dinner on Sept. 26, 2013, at the Grand Hyatt Seattle.

Lopez is the director of alumni relations and Annual Fund at Seattle University School of Law. A past-president of the Latina/o Bar Association of Washington (LBAW), she currently serves on the LBAW Foundation Scholarship Committee. Previously, as the director for student life at the Seattle University School of Law, she developed diversity initiatives such as the "Lawyering in a Diverse World" year-long training series, which empowers law students and attorneys with skills for working effectively in a diverse community. Lopez also coordinates pipeline programs in Yakima and the Tri-Cities to educate eastern Washington students from middle school through college about legal careers and opportunities. She co-created and co-chaired the Judicial Institute Pilot Program 2012, a collaboration of 12 minority bar associations, the WSBA, the Minority and Justice Commission, and Seattle University School of Law.

Since 2008, she has co-chaired the Schroeter Goldmark & Bender/LBAW Spanish-English Legal Clinic at El Centro de la Raza, which provides free legal advice to over 500 people each year, the majority of whom are Latina/o and speak only Spanish. The clinic provides legal services to those in need, connects attorneys with the Latina/o community, and gives volunteer attorneys and law students an opportunity to practice Spanish and work with interpreters.

"[Lopez] has consistently and without hesitation represented the concerns of the Latina/o community and the broader minority communities without alienating the broader community," said Washington State Supreme Court Justice **Steven González**. "She is a natural leader and community builder.... Her commitment to diversity and access is unwavering, and she brings remarkable warmth, sincerity, inclusiveness, and diligence to her tasks."

About the WSBA Excellence in Diversity Award

This award is made to a lawyer, law firm, or law-related group that has made a significant contribution to diversity in the legal profession.

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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