

Washington State Bar Association

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State Bar and Supreme Court Recognize Pro Bono Efforts of State's Attorneys

More than 1,700 Washington lawyers delivered over 170,000 volunteer hours in 2012

SEATTLE, WA [Oct. 22, 2013] — The WSBA and the Washington Supreme Court have partnered to publish its first-ever WSBA Supreme Court [Pro Bono Publico Honor Roll](#), which recognizes the volunteer efforts of Washington lawyers who have provided 50 or more pro bono hours in a calendar year. In 2012, over 1,700 attorneys fell in this category by donating more than 170,000 hours of their time, equating to over \$34 million in free legal services to Washingtonians.

Each October, the state Bar commemorates the pro bono work of lawyers throughout the state. Washington's Celebrate Pro Bono aims to enhance access to justice for the public by increasing pro bono participation and expanding legal services to low-income individuals and groups.

"Any bit of time — 3–4 hours a week or every other week — doesn't feel like you are giving much, but what you are giving is making a huge difference to the lives of the people who need our help," said Katie Bove, an attorney who has been a WSBA member since 1993.

Attorneys in Washington annually donate their time and talent to their communities. The Bar aspires to make it easier and more rewarding for attorneys to get involved in giving back by helping attorneys find opportunities right for them — whether it's with one of the Bar's statewide programs like the [Moderate Means Program](#), which helps households with incomes between \$45,960 and \$94,200 for a family of four, or with one of the more than 70 [qualified legal service providers](#) throughout the state.

To learn more about WSBA's public service opportunities, visit www.wsba.org/Legal-Community/Volunteer-Opportunities/Public-Service-Opportunities.

About the Washington State Bar Association

The WSBA is authorized by the Washington 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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