



Washington First Responder Will Clinic to Be Held Sept. 14 at Starbucks Support Center

Free will clinic has served over 1,500 first responders and their spouses with estate planning advice

SEATTLE, WA [Sept. 11, 2013] — On Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013, the WSBA will host the Washington First Responder Will Clinic at the Starbucks Support Center, 2401 Utah Avenue S, in downtown Seattle, from 9a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This free event is offered to Seattle first responders and their spouses or state-registered domestic partners (an appointment is required), as well as other local first responders. Volunteer attorneys provide free estate-planning advice and documents, such as wills, powers of attorney, and healthcare directives, to first responders who risk their lives every day protecting our local communities.

Attorneys **Ford Clary** and **Jenni Frere Volk** introduced the program to Washington in 2006, with the Seattle Fire Fighters Union Local 27 participating in the first clinic. The Washington First Responder Will Clinic has held over 30 clinics in Washington since 2006, assisting over 1,500 officers and their spouses.

First responders are asked to complete a questionnaire before arriving at the clinic, and once there, meet with a volunteer attorney.. They will leave the clinic with signed and executed estate-planning documents in hand. =

The Washington First Responder Will Clinic requires over 100 volunteers to staff the Seattle clinic, as well as significant communication among the organizers, the WSBA, and the police and fire departments. "Ford and I recognize that the volunteers are the backbone of the clinic, and without them, we would not be successful. There is no question that our volunteers have made this program into what it is today — they are reliable, professional, and extremely devoted to the Clinic," says Volk.

The 2013 Washington First Responder Will Clinic schedule includes clinics in Bellevue, Lacey, Shoreline, Seattle, Spokane and Puyallup. For more information, visit www.wsba.org/willclinic. The clinic is always looking for volunteers and donations of paper, printer ink, and other supplies. If you would like to get involved, please contact Jenni Frere Volk or Ford Clary at publicservice@wsba.org.

The Washington Will Clinic is supported by the WSBA; the WSBA Real Property, Probate and Trust Section; the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, through a subgrant from the ABA Fund for Justice and Education; and Starbucks Coffee Company.

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