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Whereas, access to justice is the foundation of a democracy; and

Whereas, the promise of impartiality and fairness in our justice system can be realized only if all members of the public, regardless of socio-economic status, have available to them the tools and resources that give them access to the justice system; and

Whereas, without access to these tools and resources, which include information about procedural requirements for accessing the courts and legal rights and responsibilities, those unable to obtain legal assistance will not have meaningful access to the justice system; and

Whereas, county law libraries are an indispensable resource for obtaining access to legal tools and resources by low- and moderate-income members of the public; and

Whereas, to provide meaningful access to the justice system, county law libraries should be adequately funded;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That:

The Washington State Bar Association, in order to promote the public good, strongly encourages all county governments to provide the needed funding to maintain effective county law libraries.

Adopted by the Washington State Bar Association Board of Governors on October 24, 2009.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula C. Littlewood".

Paula C. Littlewood
Executive Director & Meeting Secretary