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Lionel Greaves IV Receives Excellence in Diversity Award
*Attorney General's Office lawyer acknowledged for commitment
to inclusion and equity within the legal profession*

SEATTLE, WA [Sept. 29, 2017] – The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) presented Lionel Greaves IV with the 2017 APEX Award for Excellence in Diversity. This award is given to a lawyer, law firm, or law-related group that has made a significant contribution to diversity in the legal profession. WSBA President Brad Furlong presented the award at the WSBA Annual APEX (Acknowledging Professional Excellence) Awards Dinner on Sept. 28 at the Sheraton Seattle.

Greaves has been working at the Attorney General's Office (AGO) since 2010. As the Division Chief of Labor and Industries, he has served as an attorney recruiter and is a member of the AGO Diversity Advisory Committee. In 2013, he was recognized by Attorney General Bob Ferguson with the AGO William V. Tanner Award for being an exceptional attorney and an ambassador for the office.

Outside of work, Greaves is an active member-at-large of the Loren Miller Bar Association. Greaves has also shown a strong commitment to diversity through his work on WSBA's Diversity Committee, on which he has served since 2013 and co-chaired in 2016. There, he has participated in numerous programs— including the Experience Exchange and 1L Diversity Fellowship—and has mentored new attorneys and law students, recruited and trained volunteer attorneys, and organized panels and mock interview sessions. He has also been a featured speaker at WSBA-sponsored CLEs.

"The adjectives proactive, engaged, inexhaustible, selfless and inspirational are uniformly used by all the members of the Diversity committee when describing Mr. Greaves and his commitment to advancing a tangible conversation regarding inclusion and equity within the legal profession," says fellow committee member Oscar Chaves. "I have been a witness to his interaction with law students and new attorneys as they share concerns regarding their fit within the legal profession. Through those interactions, Lionel has shown himself to be approachable and relatable. He has helped these law students and new attorneys feel valued and allowed them to take stock in the potential of what they can do in the legal profession."

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