

## Washington State Bar Association

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### David Bateman Receives Pro Bono Award

*Seattle attorney honored for pro bono legal services to victims of online “revenge porn”*

SEATTLE, WA [Sept. 30, 2016] — The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) presented Seattle attorney **David Bateman** with its 2016 Pro Bono Award. The award is in recognition of his work in creating the Cyber Civil Rights Legal Project (CCRLP) to provide pro bono legal services to victims of nonconsensual pornography, or “revenge porn.” WSBA President **Bill Hyslop** presented the award at the WSBA Annual Awards Dinner on Sept. 29, 2016, at the Sheraton Seattle.

“I’m deeply honored to accept this award from the WSBA for the work my firm and I have done on behalf of victims of revenge porn,” said Bateman. “It has been extremely fulfilling to apply my background in Internet law to helping individuals without access to legal resources in this area, often employing the same standard legal and forensic tools that we use to assist tech companies in their civil litigation and enforcement matters.”

Bateman, a Seattle partner at K&L Gates, joined Elisa D’Amico, a K&L Gates partner in Miami, Florida, who was already working with local women to advocate for the passage of a revenge porn statute in Florida. Realizing that lawyers representing revenge porn victims often lacked the necessary computer-forensic expertise, D’Amico collaborated with Bateman to found the project in 2014. With over 20 years of experience in technology and intellectual property law, Bateman contributed his extensive knowledge of spam, phishing, spyware, and other types of online fraud, volunteering more than 900 hours to the project.

Today, the CCRLP includes more than 70 lawyers, paralegals, staff, and forensic investigators in K&L Gates offices worldwide, who have collectively contributed over 5,000 hours. They have responded to inquiries from more than 300 victims, securing the removal of explicit images from websites and helping victims obtain copyright for the images for additional control. Six lawsuits have been filed, leading to four arrests and criminal prosecutions. Bateman and D’Amico attended a roundtable discussion in 2015 with California’s attorney general to discuss issues of cyber-exploitation, and they have been consulted by members of Congress regarding anti-revenge-porn legislative initiatives.

“My experience with CCRLP has far exceeded any of my expectations... for myself and hundreds (if not thousands) of other once-hopeless, helpless, and voiceless victims across the globe,” said CCRLP client Nikki R. “The Cyber Civil Rights Legal Project gave me an entirely new lease on life, and I know that I am not alone.... It is a worldwide movement that is saving lives and creating a safer and sounder societal structure for our technology-native generations to grow into.”

A nationally recognized leader in Internet, e-commerce, and software litigation, Bateman has been lead counsel in hundreds of lawsuits against spammers, software pirates, phishers, and cybersquatters. He is a frequent speaker on the protection of computer systems, trade secrets, and intellectual property. Bateman has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* since 2006, and in the Washington Super Lawyers List from 2004–2015.

#### About the Washington State Bar Association

The WSBA is part of the judicial branch and is authorized by the Washington Supreme Court to license the state’s 37,789 lawyers and over 1,000 other legal professionals. In furtherance of its obligation to protect and serve the public, the WSBA both regulates lawyers and other legal professionals 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, to ensure the integrity of the legal profession, and to champion justice.

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