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Alexander Frix Receives WSBA Local Hero Award

Olympia attorney honored for his work in creating the Pacific Northwest's first veterans court

SEATTLE, WA [Jan. 28, 2014] — The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) has presented **Alexander Frix** with its Local Hero Award, in recognition of his work in creating the Thurston County Veterans Court, the first veterans court in the Pacific Northwest. The Local Hero Award is given to those who have made noteworthy contributions to their communities. WSBA President **Patrick Palace** presented the award at a luncheon in Olympia on Jan. 23, attended by members of the WSBA Board of Governors and local attorneys and judges. Frix was nominated by the Thurston County Bar Association.

"Alex's thirst for justice and his zealous dedication to his clients makes him stand out in our community," said **Leonard Lucenko Jr.**, Thurston County Bar Association president-elect. "Alex is an amazing attorney and an even better person, and he deserves recognition for his tireless efforts for our community."

Frix worked with local stakeholders, including judges, prosecutors, law enforcement and correctional officers, social workers, and governmental agencies to help form the veterans court in 2009; he now serves as its principal defense counsel. Frix is also the training coordinator for the Thurston County Office of Assigned Counsel, where he has been a public defender since 2007.

A frequent speaker, he has made presentations to the Thurston County Bar Association, the Washington Defender Association, and Government Lawyers Bar Association, among others. He also serves as a mentor to less experienced attorneys in criminal law and procedure.

For his work with the veterans court, Frix has also received awards from the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs, the Governor's Veterans Advisory Committee, and the Washington Defender Association.

Frix received his undergraduate degree from the University of Washington, studied at the University of Adelaide Law School in Australia, and received his law degree from the University of Oregon School of Law.

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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