



Judith E. Luther-Shiflett Receives WSBA Local Hero Award

Olympia attorney recognized for her dedicated volunteer services

SEATTLE, WA [March 14, 2016] — The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) has presented Olympia attorney **Judith E. Luther-Shiflett** with its Local Hero Award, in recognition of over five years of dedicated volunteering with Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services. The Local Hero Award is given to those who have made noteworthy contributions to their communities. WSBA President **Bill Hyslop** presented the award at a luncheon in Olympia on March 10. Luther-Shiflett was nominated by the Thurston County Bar Association.

“Judy has volunteered with Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services (TCVLS) on a weekly basis for the last five years, serving at both the Olympia Family Support Center and at the monthly Shelton clinic,” said her law partner Angela K. Carlson-Whitley. “Judy spends numerous hours outside of clinic assisting clinic clients. She drafts estate planning documents for them, makes phone calls on their behalf, meets with them, and occasionally even appears in court on their behalf....She also spends a great deal of her own time assisting and mentoring young attorneys, and even assisting her peers....In my view, Judy epitomizes the above-and-beyond approach toward our legal community.”

Before becoming an attorney, Luther-Shiflett worked as a paralegal in the Olympia area for over 20 years. She returned to school in 2005 while continuing to work as a paralegal, obtaining her undergraduate degree in criminal justice from Central Washington University and her law degree from California Western School of Law in San Diego in 2010. While awaiting her Washington bar exam results, Luther-Shiflett began volunteering at TCVLS and she continues to devote a significant amount of time each week assisting legal clinic clients. She was named TCVLS Volunteer Attorney of the Year in 2011 and served on its board. Luther-Shiflett is a founding partner at Carlson-Whitley & Luther, LLP, in Olympia, where her practice focuses on probate and estate planning.

In addition to her volunteer work with TCVLS, Luther-Shiflett is treasurer for the Mason County Bar Association.

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, ensure the integrity of the legal profession, and to champion justice.

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