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**Mills Meyers Swartling Receives Pro Bono and Public Service Award**

*Seattle firm recognized for outstanding commitment to pro bono and public service*

**SEATTLE, WA [Sept. 29, 2017]** — The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) presented Seattle law firm Mills Meyer Swartling with the 2017 APEX Award for Pro Bono and Public Service by a group. The award is presented to a law firm or other legal entity for outstanding cumulative efforts in providing pro bono services or giving back in meaningful ways to the public, the community, or to 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.

Recognizing the importance of self-regulation within the legal profession, Mills Meyers Swartling lawyers are active in volunteer roles throughout the WSBA. Their lawyers have held prominent positions on the Disciplinary Board, the Hearing Officer Panel, and the Adjunct Disciplinary Counsel Panel, and have been appointed Special Disciplinary Counsel in particular cases.

In addition, Mills Meyers Swartling lawyers have served on WSBA committees, in section leadership, and as parts of other WSBA panels and task forces. Their lawyers have served as chairs of the WSBA Litigation Section Executive Committee, the Court Rules and Procedures Committee, and the Judicial Recommendation Committee.

“When I joined the staff of the Washington State Bar Association nearly 20 years ago, it was immediately apparent that Mills Meyers Swartling lawyers were involved in WSBA volunteer work on an extraordinarily impressive scale,” says Douglas Ende, WSBA’s Chief Disciplinary Counsel. “This impression persisted and was reinforced year to year (and year after year), as individual lawyers at Mills Meyers Swartling maintained and cultivated the firm’s commitment to serve the profession by giving back to it.”

Beyond support of the WSBA and the legal profession, Mills Meyers Swartling attorneys have given back to their community and the public in other ways. They serve on numerous non-profit boards, act as mentors, and serve their communities and the public as volunteers and pro bono attorneys.

**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 nearly 40,000 lawyers and 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. For more information, visit [www.wsba.org](http://www.wsba.org).