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Robert Wilson-Hoss Receives WSBA Local Hero Award

Shelton attorney recognized for commitment to Mason County community

SEATTLE, WA [July 27, 2017] – The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) has presented Shelton attorney Robert Wilson-Hoss with its Local Hero Award, in recognition of his dedication to improving the lives of the citizens of Mason County. The Local Hero Award is given to those who have made noteworthy contributions to their communities. WSBA President Bradford Furlong presented the award at a luncheon in Union on July 27, 2017. Wilson-Hoss was nominated by the Mason County Bar Association.

An attorney in the county since 1978, Wilson-Hoss was a recipient of the Washington State Bar Association Courageous Award in 1993, and was a recipient of WSBA’s Community Service Award in 2007. “As Rob’s law partner for 35 years, and his brother for much longer, I watch daily with amazement and awe his unwavering commitment and passion for bettering our Mason County community,” says Richard T. Hoss. “His legacy will be his nearly 40-year stellar track record of successful completion of projects that benefit those Mason County residents most in need.”

A longtime advocate for victims of domestic violence, Wilson-Hoss served seven terms as board president for Turning Pointe Domestic Violence Services, culminating in the development of a new \$3.5-million shelter that opened in 2008. He was also instrumental in establishing Habitat for Humanity of Mason County and the Mason County Shelter. Additionally, he has contributed countless hours and counsel to numerous other organizations, including: the Thurston-Mason County Dispute Resolution Center, the Mason County Bar Association, Pioneer and Shelton School District committees, the Criminal Justice Task Force and the Mason County Counseling Network.

Wilson-Hoss grew up in Longview, graduated from Mark Morris High School in 1968, and then graduated from Willamette University in 1972, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy and English. He received his J.D. from the University of Washington School of Law in 1978. He has served several terms as a Mason County judicial commissioner, in juvenile court, domestic relations court and as settlement conference commissioner. His previous experience includes service in the U. S. Peace Corps, participation in the establishment of the Northwest Intertribal Court System, and as the first reservation attorney for the Squaxin Island Tribe. A partner in Hoss & Wilson-Hoss, LLP, he is a senior mediator with the Thurston County Dispute Resolution Center and is known for his expertise in property law and homeowner association law.

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