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Gonzaga University School of Law, Seattle University School of Law, and the University of Washington School of Law Receive 2016 Washington State Bar Foundation's Sally P. Savage Leadership in Philanthropy Award

*Award recognizes Bar Foundation donors, volunteers, and friends who embody
Savage's legacy of leadership and philanthropy*

SEATTLE, WA [Sept. 30, 2016] — The Washington State Bar Foundation (WSBF) presented the **Sally P. Savage Leadership in Philanthropy Award** to Washington's three law schools: **Gonzaga University School of Law, Seattle University School of Law**, and the **University of Washington School of Law**. The award is in recognition of the law schools' leadership, support, and advocacy through their partnership with the WSBA Moderate Means Program. WSBA President **Bill Hyslop** presented the award at the WSBA APEX Awards Dinner on Sept. 29, 2016, at the Sheraton Seattle.

The Moderate Means Program adds a vital component to Washington's legal services delivery system that expands access to justice to a previously underserved population (clients whose income is within 200–400% of the Federal Poverty Level). Over the last five years, Washington's three law schools have recruited and trained over 300 law students to conduct intake, analyze cases, and refer clients to lawyers; the WSBA provides the law schools with funding for staffing.

These partners have instilled law students with legal analysis skills, hands-on client interview skills, and a greater understanding of the complexities clients face in accessing the justice system. Many of these law students take on Moderate Means Program cases after graduation, continuing to make a profound impact on the profession and Washington state.

"The Moderate Means Program is a good opportunity for attorneys to get involved in different areas of the law and to gain experience," said Moderate Means Program attorney **Forrest Carlson**. "It's great that it exists to help the folks in this gap."

About the Sally P. Savage Award

Introduced in 2013, the award is presented to Washington State Bar Foundation donors, volunteers, and friends who embody Sally Savage's spirit, generosity, and leadership in recognizing the transformative potential of philanthropy. Savage served the legal community across the state through her advocacy at Washington State University and later as president of the Washington State Bar Foundation.

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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