

Washington State Bar Association

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WSBA President, President-elect, New Governors Sworn in at 2016 WSBA Annual Awards Dinner

WSBA welcomes new governors in districts 2, 9, 10, and at-large

SEATTLE, WA [Sept. 30, 2016] — 2016–17 Washington State Bar Association President **Robin L. Haynes** and President-elect **Brad Furlong**, who will take over the presidency for 2017–18, were sworn in at the WSBA APEX Awards Dinner on Sept. 29, 2016, at the Sheraton Seattle. Outgoing WSBA President **William D. Hyslop**, the WSBA Board of Governors, and other dignitaries from the legal community were present. Special guest Washington Supreme Court Chief Justice **Barbara A. Madsen** spoke at the event and swore in the new officers.

Robin L. Haynes was elected to the WSBA Board of Governors in June 2012, representing new and young lawyers. During her time on the Board, she has been active with the MCLE Taskforce and Board, the Washington Young Lawyers' Committee, the Committee for Professional Ethics, and the Washington State Bar Foundation, as well as chairing the BOG Legislative Committee. She practices employment and commercial litigation with McNeice Wheeler in Spokane and Seattle. She was previously the first woman partner at Reed & Giesa, P.S. in Spokane (2011), and spent two years as a litigation and employment principal at Witherspoon Kelley in Spokane.

Haynes's involvement in the legal community began during law school with the ABA and has continued with mentorship and leadership every year since she was admitted. Haynes served as president of the Spokane County Bar Association's Young Lawyer Division, with the former Washington Young Lawyers Division (now YLC) of the WSBA as the Greater Spokane Trustee, and as a board member for the Spokane County Volunteer Lawyers Program. Haynes was selected the Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year by the WSBA in 2012. She is a founding Board member for the Washington Vets Will Clinic, providing free estate planning for veterans across our state; a moderate means attorney; and active with Planned Parenthood's Women's Leadership Circle. Haynes earned her undergraduate, master's, and law degrees from Gonzaga University, where she remains active with mentorship and student competitions. She will be the WSBA's youngest president and the fifth woman to hold the position.

Bradford E. Furlong concentrates on healthcare, municipal, real estate and land use law. He was elected to the WSBA Board of Governors in 2013. Furlong is a member of the Washington Supreme Court Judicial Ethics Committee and teaches professional ethics for the WSBA. He acts as Skagit County hearing examiner, pro tem, and has served as judge pro tem in both superior and district courts.

Furlong is general counsel to Skagit Valley Hospital and Skagit Regional Clinics, the Port of Skagit County, and the Skagit County Public Facilities District. He has been town attorney for La Conner since 1988, the city attorney for Anacortes since 2008, and is general counsel for the North Sound Regional Support Network and the Skagit Land Trust. Furlong graduated from the University of Puget Sound Law School in 1982 after attending the University of California, Davis, and graduating with an undergraduate degree in broadcast journalism from The Evergreen State College.

Chief Justice Madsen also swore in this year's new WSBA governors, who are elected by the voting members in their districts, as well as one new at-large governor selected by the BOG at its June 2016 meeting. WSBA districts follow the same boundaries as congressional districts: **Rajeev D. Majumdar** in District 2, **Dan Bridges** in District 9, **Christina Meserve** in District 10, and **Athanasios P. Papailiou** as an at-large governor.

The 2016 WSBA Annual Awards recipients are:

- Award of Merit: **Matthew H. Adams**
- Courageous Award: **Leo Hamaji, William Prestia, Kathryn Ross** (Public Defender Association); **Todd Guenhagen, Carl Luer, Stacey MacDonald** (Associated Counsel for the Accused); **Colleen O'Connor, David Sorenson** (Society of Counsel Representing Accused Persons)
- Excellence in Diversity Award: **Chalia Stallings-Ala'ilima**
- Norm Maleng Leadership Award: **Michele Storms**
- Outstanding Judge Award: **Hon. Kathleen M. O'Connor (ret.)**
- Outstanding Young Lawyer Award: **Veronica Quiñónez**
- Pro Bono Award: **Perkins Coie & Microsoft; David A. Bateman**
- Professionalism Award: **Anthony R. Hinson**
- Public Service Award: **Adam Cornell**

For more information on each award recipient, see our [press releases](#).

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 36,089 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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