



Nick Wallace Receives WSBA Local Hero Award

Ephrata attorney is recognized for his active contributions to the legal community

SEATTLE, WA [April 29, 2014] — The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) has presented Ephrata attorney **Nick Wallace** with its Local Hero Award, in recognition of his contributions to the local and statewide legal community. The Local Hero Award is given to those who have made noteworthy contributions to their communities. WSBA President **Patrick Palace** presented the award at a luncheon in Moses Lake on April 25, attended by members of the WSBA Board of Governors and local attorneys and judges. Wallace was nominated by the Grant County Bar Association.

Wallace received his undergraduate degree from the University of Washington and his law degree from Seattle University School of Law. Before moving to Grant County, Wallace clerked for the Washington Attorney General's Office. In 1996, he joined the firm of Schultheis Tabler Wallace PLLC, where he has been the managing partner since 2009.

"As an attorney directly across the street from the courthouse, Nick's office receives regular visits from people off the street looking to find out where to go and/or how to resolve a legal issue," said **Kene Larson**, Grant County Bar Association president. "Nick takes time regularly to help explain issues to people, or at the very least to point them in the right direction in the pursuit of justice, without thought of anything in return."

Wallace serves as a pro tem judge and as a family law mediator in Grant County Superior Court. He has been president of the Grant County Law Library Committee for many years, where he led an effort to grant local residents free access to legal resources to improve access to justice. He is also an adjunct instructor at Big Bend Community College. In addition, Wallace has been active with the Grant County Bar Association, serving as president and in other officer roles.

An active member of the community, Wallace served as president of the Ephrata Youth Soccer Club and as a volunteer soccer coach for several years. He coached the Grant County Special Olympics soccer team, and currently volunteers as both a high school soccer referee and coach, reaching out to at-risk minority youth through participation in organized sports.

Wallace is involved in Washington State University's "Gear Up" program, an early outreach program that prepares and encourages students to enter and succeed in college by providing tutoring, technology-based curriculum, campus visits, and motivational speakers for middle and high school students.

"I would like to thank the Grant County Bar Association for nominating me for this award, and to thank my wife for allowing me to give substantial amounts of my time to the community," said Wallace.

About the Washington State Bar Association

The WSBA is authorized by the Washington Supreme Court to license the state's 35,400 lawyers. The WSBA both regulates lawyers 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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