



Michael Young Receives WSBA Local Hero Award

*Olympia attorney recognized for service to the Government Lawyers Bar Association
and Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services*

SEATTLE, WA [March 14, 2016] — The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) has presented Olympia attorney **Michael Young** with its Local Hero Award, in recognition of over five years of dedicated volunteering with Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services and the Government Lawyers Bar Association. The Local Hero Award is given to those who have made noteworthy contributions to their communities. WSBA President **Bill Hyslop** presented the award at a luncheon in Olympia on March 10. Young was nominated by the Government Lawyers Bar Association.

Young has been an integral part of the Government Lawyers Bar Association (GLBA) and Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services (TCVLS) for over five years. He served on the TCVLS Board from 2009–15, including terms as its vice-president and president. Young served as the TCVLS liaison on the GLBA Board and was a vital link between the two organizations, assisting the GLBA in its efforts to financially support the work of TCVLS in Thurston, Mason, and Grays Harbor counties. Through the GLBA, Young was an enthusiastic supporter of bringing low-cost and free programs and CLEs to government lawyers in Olympia.

“Michael has always had a regular volunteering schedule and I can’t think of anyone whom I’ve seen at the clinics as often or for as long,” said Rachael Langen Lundmark, TCVLS executive director. “Michael has been the most steadfast of volunteers. In addition, Michael was an incredibly active board member of TCVLS....Michael’s passion for this organization is evident, and his guidance as a board member was invaluable.”

As an assistant attorney general with the Washington Attorney General’s Office, Young works to promote pro bono service and mentorship within the AGO. Having served on the Attorney General’s Office pro bono committee since 2011, he promotes and encourages pro bono service among his colleagues. He helps ensure that they have the knowledge and opportunity to provide pro bono work in their local communities while serving the people of Washington as part of the largest public law firm in the state.

Young has also been a co-coordinator of the AGO mentorship program since 2011. As a co-coordinator, he is responsible for ensuring that all incoming assistant attorneys general are provided a mentor to assist with the transition into government practice. He provides resources to assist mentors and mentees and organizes mentorship forums to discuss important topics relevant to all areas of practice. Young’s work has helped hundreds of assistant attorneys general transition successfully into government practice.

At the WSBA, Young has served on the Pro Bono and Legal Aid Committee and on the WSBA Professionalism Committee.

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, ensure the integrity of the legal profession, and to champion justice.

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