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### **Anne Egeler Receives WSBA Local Hero Award**

*Olympia attorney recognized for volunteer board and mentoring roles*

SEATTLE, WA [March 9, 2017] – The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) has presented Olympia attorney Anne Egeler with its Local Hero Award, in recognition of her outstanding dedication to Thurston County’s legal community. The Local Hero Award is given to those who have made noteworthy contributions to their communities. WSBA President Robin Haynes presented the award at a luncheon in Olympia on March 9, 2017. Egeler was nominated by the Thurston County Bar Association.

Egeler has volunteered for Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services (TCVLS) for 10 years and is especially committed to providing legal advice and representation to those who are victims of domestic violence. She has been on the board of TCVLS since 2014, serving as board president for 2016, and is currently co-chair of TCVLS’s major fundraiser which raises about 25% of the organization’s operating funds. She is also on the board of directors for the Capitol Chapter of Washington Women Lawyers.

“In addition to serving on both boards, Anne is a tireless volunteer for the TCVLS pro bono legal clinic, primarily at SafePlace, an advocacy center for survivors of sexual and domestic violence,” says Jennifer Benway, legal services senior analyst with the Administrative Office of the Courts in Olympia. “She also takes the time to mentor new and less experienced attorneys.”

As deputy solicitor general of Washington state, Egeler is at the forefront of highly impactful litigation, including the recent successful stay of the U.S. Executive Immigration Order. In 2014, she was selected as a U.S. Supreme Court Fellow by the National Association of Attorneys General to study the United States Supreme Court and author multi-state amicus briefs.

Egeler graduated from the University of Washington in 1987 with a bachelor’s degree in political science and in 1990, received her law degree with honors from Seattle University.

#### **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 40,000 lawyers and 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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