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Heidi L. Raedel Magaro Receives Washington State Bar Association Local Hero Award

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OLYMPIA, WA, MARCH 10, 2022 — The Washington State Bar Association presented Heidi L. Raedel Magaro with the Local Hero Award to recognize her dedication to the Thurston County community.

The Local Hero Award is given to those who have made noteworthy contributions to their communities. **WSBA President Brian Tollefson presented the award during the Board of Governors meeting on March 10.** Magaro was nominated by the Thurston County Bar Association.

Magaro takes her volunteer commitments seriously, quickly becoming indispensable to the organizations she connects with, wrote nominator Alicia Young. “But being a member of a number of organizations is not why Heidi deserves this award. Heidi deserves this award because when she joins a volunteer board, she becomes an integral member of the organization. You can always count on Heidi to do exactly what she says she will do, and she does it well,” Young emphasized in her nomination.

As a principal at Pitman Huff Raedel Magaro Lifetime Legal, PLLC, Magaro’s practice focuses on estate planning, probate and trust administration, and guardianship. She has worked there since 2013. A graduate of Olympia High School, Magaro obtained her B.A. from California Polytechnic State University – San Luis Obispo and her J.D. from Oklahoma City University School of Law.

Magaro volunteers with several groups in Thurston County, including service on the boards of the Capitol Chapter of Washington Women Lawyers and the Thurston County Bar Association. She also is very active with the South Puget Sound Estate Planning Council and the WSBA’s Real Property, Probate and Trust Section and Elder Law Section. Her contributions include organizing events for the groups she volunteers with, advertising to make sure stakeholders and community members attend events and reap the benefits of the groups’ hard work, and executing the events flawlessly. Further, while taking time off from work to focus on raising her children, she frequently volunteered with Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services, assisting low-income clients and taking part in free legal clinics.

Young also emphasized that Magaro’s sunny and practical attitude makes her volunteerism and commitment shine. “She makes connections with other organizations and stakeholders. She always has an amazingly positive and constructive attitude. She is inclusive and brings people together to make things happen. She is kind and professional. Volunteer organizations survive because of the dedication of people like Heidi.”

About the Washington State Bar Association

The WSBA operates under the delegated authority of the Washington Supreme Court to license the state’s more than 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 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. For more information, visit www.wsba.org.

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