



Legal Self Help Educator Wins Flame of Democracy Award

(SEATTLE) — The Washington State Bar Association's Council on Public Legal Education presented its Flame of Democracy Award on July 27 to June Krumpotick, the Self Help Program manager at Legal Voice. The award was given at an annual gathering of donors, board members, and other supporters of the statewide women's legal rights organization.

Krumpotick is the eighth recipient of the award, which was created in 2002 to reward significant contributions to increasing the public's understanding of law, the justice system, or government. Previous recipients include both organizations and individuals, including the League of Women Voters of Washington Education Fund and the late Seattle Times political writer Richard Larsen.

The award recognizes Krumpotick's 20-plus years of service to the justice system, in which she has helped more than 200,000 individuals by managing Legal Voice's telephone hotline and educated countless others through drafting and editing more than 43 books and pamphlets. The information she helps provide is on topics ranging from family law to housing to caregiving. Legal Voice's mission is to secure and protect women's legal rights through legislation, self-help resources, and litigation. (For more information, see www.legalvoice.org.)

The Council on Public Legal Education brings together lawyers, judges, educators, and community representatives to educate the public about the U.S. system of law and government. Its many accomplishments include the www.lawforwa.org website for the general public, a high school introductory law class that uses volunteer judges as co-teachers, and a statewide youth court organization. (For more information, see www.wsba.org/Legal-Community/Committees-Boards-and-Other-Groups/Council-on-Public-Legal-Education.)

About the Washington State Bar Association

The WSBA is part of the judicial branch, exercising a governmental function authorized by the Washington State Supreme Court to license the state's 34,470 lawyers. The WSBA both regulates lawyers under the authority of the Court and serves its members as a professional association — all without public funding. As a regulatory agency, the WSBA administers the bar admission process, including the bar exam; provides record-keeping and licensing functions; and administers the lawyer-discipline system. As a professional association, the WSBA provides continuing legal education for attorneys, in addition to numerous other educational and member-service activities.

The governance of the WSBA is vested in its Board of Governors. There are three governors from the seventh congressional district; one from each of the other eight districts; and three at-large, one of whom represents the Young Lawyers Division. The president is Steven G. Toole, of Bellevue. The 2010–2011 president-elect is Stephen R. Crossland, of Cashmere; the 2011–2012 president-elect is Michele G. Radosevich, of Seattle; and the immediate past-president is Salvador A. Mungia, of Tacoma. The Board meets regularly (every six weeks) at various locations around the state, and its meetings are open to the public. Much of the work of the Bar is carried out through its numerous standing committees, 27 sections, and a Young Lawyers Division with its many committees.

The Washington State Bar Association's mission is to serve the public and the members of the Bar, ensure the integrity of the legal profession, and to champion justice.