



**WSBA President, President-elect, New Governors Sworn in at
2015 WSBA Annual Awards Dinner**

WSBA welcomes new governors in districts 1, 4, 5 and 7-South

SEATTLE, WA [Sept. 23, 2015] — 2015–16 Washington State Bar Association President **William D. Hyslop** and President-elect **Robin Lynn Haynes**, who will take over the presidency for 2016–17, were sworn in at the WSBA Annual Awards Dinner on Sept. 17, 2015, at the Sheraton Seattle. Outgoing WSBA President **Anthony D. Gipe**, the WSBA Board of Governors, and other dignitaries from the legal community were present. Special guest Washington Supreme Court Chief Justice **Barbara A. Madsen** spoke at the event and swore in the new officers.

William D. Hyslop practices in civil litigation and dispute resolution at Lukins & Annis, P.S., in Spokane, where he is a principal. He has practiced with the firm since 1980, except for 1991–93, when he served as the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington. Hyslop served on the WSBA Board of Governors in 2000–03. In 2006, he was awarded the WSBA President's Award in recognition of his leadership and service to the legal profession and his community. Hyslop is a past president of the Federal Bar Association of the Eastern District of Washington and of the Spokane County Bar Association, a former co-chair of the WSBA Committee on Public Defense, and a past trustee of the Legal Foundation of Washington. He has served in numerous community and civic leadership roles, including as president of the Washington State University Alumni Association and as co-chair of numerous K-12 school funding campaigns.

Robin Lynn Haynes was elected to the WSBA Board of Governors in June 2012, representing new and young lawyers. During her time on the Board she has been active with the MCLE Taskforce and Board, the WYLC, the Committee for Professional Ethics, and the Washington State Bar Foundation, as well as chairing the BOG Legislative Committee. She is a Principal in the Litigation, Employment, and Intellectual Property Groups at Witherspoon Kelley in Spokane, Washington. She previously worked with the firm of Reed & Giesa, P.S., where she became its first woman partner in 2011.

Haynes's involvement in the legal community began during law school with the ABA and has continued with mentorship and leadership every year since she was admitted. Haynes served as President of the Spokane County Bar Association's Young Lawyer Division, with the former Washington Young Lawyers Division (now WYLC) of the WSBA as the Greater Spokane Trustee, and as a board member for the Spokane County Volunteer Lawyers Program. Haynes was selected the Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year by the WSBA in 2012. She is a founding Board member for the Washington Vets Will Clinic, providing free estate planning for veterans across our state; a moderate means attorney; and active with Planned Parenthood's Women's Leadership Circle. Haynes earned her undergraduate, Master's, and law degrees from Gonzaga University, where she remains active with mentorship and student competitions. She will be the WSBA's youngest President and the fifth woman to hold the position.

Chief Justice Madsen also swore in this year's new WSBA governors, who are elected by the voting members in their districts, as well as one new at-large governor selected by the BOG at its June 2015 meeting. WSBA districts follow the same boundaries as congressional districts: **G. Kim Risenmay** in District 1, **William D. Pickett** in District 4, **Angela M. Hayes** in District 5, and **James K. Doane** in District 7-South.

The 2015 WSBA Annual Awards recipients (listed in alphabetical order) are:

- Courageous Award: **Hunter M. Abell**
- Norm Maleng Leadership Award: **Breean L. Beggs**
- Professionalism Award: **Matthew L. Clucas**
- Lifetime Service Award: Hon. **Susan K. Cook**
- Angelo Petrus Award for Lawyers in Government Service: **Robert K. Costello**
- Outstanding Young Lawyer Award: **Vincent D. Humphrey II**
- Outstanding Judge Award: **Hon. James P. Hutton**
- Excellence in Diversity Award: **The Judicial Institute**
- Public Service Award: **Kenneth G. Kieffer**
- Pro Bono Award: **The Latino Legal Clinic**
- Award of Merit: **Deborah M. Niedermeyer** and **Manuel F. Rios III**

For more information on each award recipient, see our [press releases](#).

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 36,089 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, to ensure the integrity of the legal profession, and to champion justice.

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