

2015 ACCESS TO JUSTICE AWARDS

Each year the Access to Justice Board issues six awards to those colleagues and partners who promote access to justice through their leadership, courage, and innovation. The deserving individuals and organizations chosen this year will be honored on Saturday June 13 during the luncheon at the Access to Justice Conference. Please join us in thanking the award recipients for their dedication and commitment to justice equality.



Access to Justice Community Leadership Award

The King County Coalition Against Domestic Violence (KCCADV) is recognized as an organization outside the legal community which has played a strategic, significant and courageous leadership role in improving access to the justice system. KCCADV's mission is to work to end domestic violence by facilitating collective action for social change. KCCADV was nominated "for its ability to lead and mobilize social change organizations to end gender-based violence." The numerous individuals who nominated KCCADV attested to their outstanding ability to connect organizations within and outside of the legal system to promote lasting support for survivors of domestic violence. Learn more about KCCADV at <http://www.kccadv.org>.



Access to Justice Partnership Award

The Washington Medical Legal Partnership (WA MLP) is recognized as a community-based, grassroots organization that has collaborated with Alliance members and provided leadership in serving the needs of low income people. The WA MLP is a powerful collaboration between Seattle Children's Hospital, Harborview Hospital, and the Northwest Justice Project. Their mission is to help vulnerable people understand and secure their legal rights regarding safe housing, adequate schooling, medical needs and more. According to one nominator, "the MLP is an exemplar of authentic, client service-grounded and multi-disciplinary collaboration that promotes the core justice values articulated by the ATJ Board." To learn more, visit <http://www.washingtonmlp.org>.



Access to Justice Leadership Award

John Midgley is recognized as a member of the Washington State Alliance for Equal Justice who has played a significant leadership role. John has most recently been the Advocacy Director at Columbia Legal Services, but he has worn many hats in his 38 year career devoted to civil legal aid and serving Washington State's disadvantaged communities. Colleagues emphasize John's inspirational and tireless servant-leadership to promote access to justice.

As John retires this year, we are pleased to honor him with this award as a testament to his legacy to civil legal aid and justice equality.



Access to Justice Judicial Leadership Award

The Honorable Mary Logan is recognized as a member of the judiciary who has shown significant leadership in improving access to the justice system. Judge Logan has practiced law for over 27 years as a lawyer and most recently as Presiding Judge of the Spokane Municipal Court. Among her many other accomplishments, Judge Logan has been one of the core engineers of the City of Spokane's Community Court, which offers chronic nonviolent offenders a second chance through a network of support. Judge Logan has demonstrated a strong commitment to extending her legal expertise and leadership into a myriad of community-based and educational programs and is praised for her "passionate advocacy" and "innovative and collaborative leadership" to promote access to justice.



Access to Justice Advocacy Award

Meagan MacKenzie and David Ward are both recognized for their outstanding work as Alliance staff advocates. Meagan MacKenzie is a long-time legal aid attorney and the current Advocacy Coordinator for the Northwest Justice Project's Economic Security Project. In addition to her intelligence, Meagan's colleagues praise her for her "unwavering commitment to equal justice, deep respect for and sensitivity

to the needs of her clients, unyielding tenacity in her dealings with state agencies, and a high degree of professionalism in all aspects of her work." David Ward is Legal & Legislative Counsel at Legal Voice. David is praised by his colleagues for his advocacy and for his "tireless efforts to secure the rights and improve the lives of women, families and LGBT persons." His legal, legislative, and community service work emphasizes access to justice through strategic advocacy that promotes the rights of those who are vulnerable and marginalized.



Norm Maleng Leadership Award (Jointly given by the Access to Justice Board and Washington State Bar Association)

Breean Beggs is recognized as someone who embodies the characteristics of innovative and optimistic leadership, love of the law, and commitment to diversity and mentorship. Breean is a member of the Access to Justice Board and a "long-time advocate for individuals and causes of the unrepresented, under-served and disenfranchised." In addition to his law practice, Breean has led and collaborated with community-based organizations to take action on

promoting a more equitable justice system in the communities where he has lived, including Whatcom and Spokane counties. Breean takes an interest in mentoring emerging leaders by co-chairing the ATJ Leadership Development Committee and contributing to leadership opportunities in the Alliance for Equal Justice.