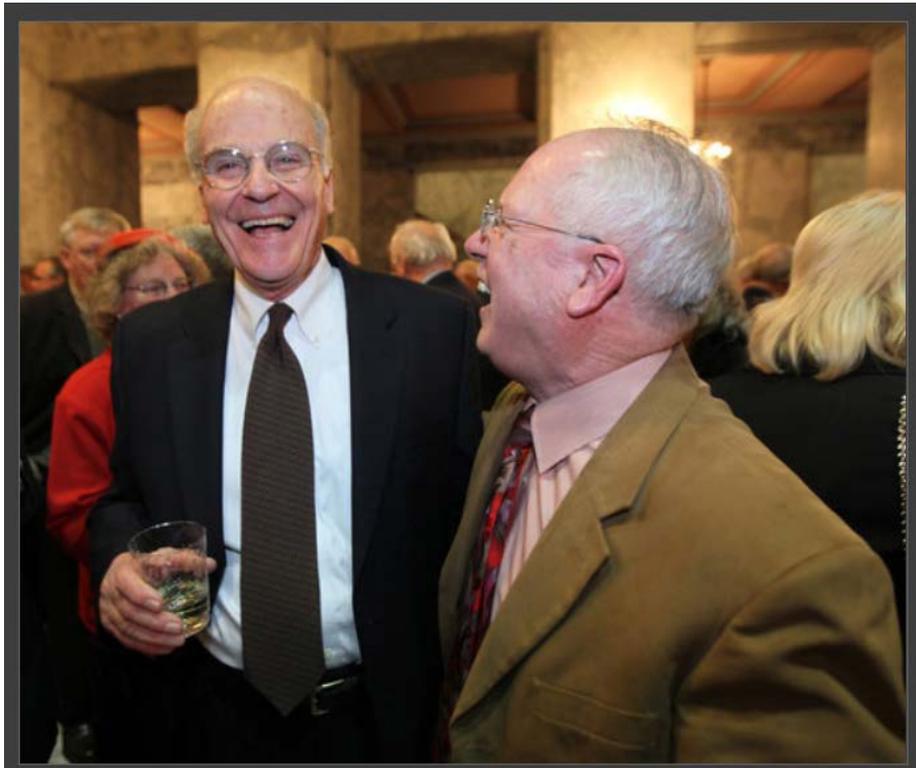


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Olympia jurist and state historian honored by historical society

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At his retirement party Supreme Court Justice Gerry Alexander (left) laughs with Rep. Gary Alexander, R-Thurston County as they joke about the occasional need of redelivering incoming mail to each other due to their name similarity. (STEVE BLOOM/The Olympian)

Gerry Alexander, an Olympia resident, distinguished jurist and state historian, has been awarded the Robert Gray Medal, the highest honor bestowed by the Washington State Historical Society.

Alexander, who retired as a justice of the state Supreme Court in 2011, has long been active in community and state historical initiatives.

He served as president of the Bigelow House Preservation Association Board in the 1990s and presently serves on the board of the Olympia Historical Society.

He is a founding member of the Washington Courts Historical Society and co-chaired the Capitol Furnishings Preservation Committee from 1999 to 2011, spearheading several projects to restore and return historic furniture to the Capitol Campus.

The award will be presented at the historical society's annual meeting and noon luncheon June 22 at the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma. For reservations, contact Laura Berry at 253-798-5899 or lberry@wshs.wa.gov.