

## WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

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### Joanne I. Moore Receives 2010 Angelo Petrus Award for Lawyers in Public Service

(SEATTLE) — The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) announces that Olympia attorney **Joanne I. Moore** will be presented with the 2010 Angelo Petrus Award for Lawyers in Public Service. Named in honor of the late Angelo R. Petrus, a senior assistant attorney general who passed away during his term of service on the WSBA Board of Governors, this award is given to a lawyer in government service who has made a significant contribution to the legal profession, the justice system, and the public. WSBA President **Salvador A. Mungia** will present the award at the WSBA Annual Awards Dinner, to be held on September 23, 2010, at the Hyatt at Olive 8 in Seattle.

Moore received her undergraduate degree from the University of California at Berkeley and her law degree from the University of California at Davis School of Law. She has been a civil legal aid attorney for many years, first in California and then in Washington; she has worked with Evergreen Legal Services, in Yakima, and the Puget Sound Legal Assistance Foundation, in Olympia. In 1989, she became the first director of Washington's Court Interpreter Certification Program, tasked with conceiving, designing, and implementing the then-new program. In 1998, she was appointed director of the Washington State Office of Public Defense, an independent judicial branch agency that implements constitutional and statutory guarantees of counsel and ensures the effective and efficient delivery of indigent defense services funded by the state of Washington.

Moore has developed and presented many educational programs for judges on working with interpreters and on immigrants in the court system. She has written articles on court interpreting services that have appeared in the *Washington State Bar News* and other legal publications; initiated and edited *Immigrants in Courts*, a University of Washington Press book on the due process obstacles faced by immigrants in U.S. courts; and wrote and directed three court interpreting videos for the National Center for State Courts.

As director of OPD, Moore spearheaded a successful quality-enhancement program for indigent appellate representation. She instituted the Parents Representation Program to provide state-funded, high-quality representation for parents in dependency cases through an effective pilot program during the early 2000s, and has shepherded expansion of the program to two-thirds of the state. She has led the continuing implementation of public defense improvements in Washington's counties and cities through a framework set in Chapter 10.101 RCW, and is an active member of the WSBA Council on Public Defense.

"There is no question that Joanne is a remarkable leader," wrote Washington State Supreme Court Chief Justice **Barbara A. Madsen** in support of the nomination. "All of us on the Supreme Court appreciate Joanne's spirit, tenacity, passion, and commitment to public service. Through her work, she has made, and every day continues to make, significant contributions to the legal profession, the justice system, and the public."

#### 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 33,900 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 **Salvador A. Mungia**, of Tacoma. The 2009-2010 president-elect is **Steven G. Toole**, of Bellevue; the 2010-2011 president-elect is **Stephen R. Crossland**, of Cashmere; and the immediate past-president is **Mark A. Johnson**, of Seattle. 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.