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# WSBA Welcomes New President-elect and Class of 2015 Governors

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## Patrick A. Palace *President-elect*

Patrick Palace has been in practice for 20 years. He opened Palace Law Offices in 1995, a firm that emphasizes workers' compensation, civil rights, and personal injury matters. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Washington in International Business and his law degree from Loyola University of Chicago School of Law in 1991. "Patrick will bring a significant level of innovation, team-building skills, and humility to the role of president," said Anthony Gipe, former WSBA at-large governor. "When a problem is to be solved, Patrick searches for all potential solutions, even if they are not conventional wisdom. When the best plan is identified, he builds a team to implement and support the plan. Patrick shows humility by acknowledging when he lacks information or knowledge, and he reaches out to others to fill that gap."

Palace served on the WSBA Board of Governors for the Sixth District from

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— Anthony Gipe on President-elect Patrick Palace

2008–11. He was also the WSBA treasurer from 2010–11. Prior to serving as WSBA governor, he was president of the WSBA Young Lawyers Division (1999–2000) and served on the Public Legal Education Workgroup Task Force and the WSBA President's Advisory Committee, which was created to promote judicial independence.

Palace is active in the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association and currently serves on their Judicial Qualifications, Mindful Lawyer, and Convention Planning committees. In 2012, Palace received the Outstanding Service Award from the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association and the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association Recognition Award for his service on its Board of Trustees. He also serves on the board of the Legal Aid for Washington (LAW) Fund.

From 1998–2005, he taught the People's Law School at Pierce College. Palace has moderated and produced two television series designed to help citizens understand the law. "Law Talk" was funded by the WSBA and was recognized by the American Bar Association (ABA) with its Outstanding Public Service Award. The



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School," which aired statewide, also earned an ABA Outstanding Public Service Award.

Palace has also been active with the YMCA. As the chair for the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign, he helped raise \$2.8 million from 2009–11 to support children and families in Pierce and Kitsap counties.

## Kenneth W. Masters *Governor — District 1*

Over the last 20 years, Bainbridge Island attorney Kenneth W. Masters has assisted many great trial lawyers, handling hundreds of civil appeals at Masters Law Group (formerly Wiggins & Masters). He is a president of the Washington Appellate Lawyers Association, and a fellow of both the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers and of the Litigation Counsel of America. Masters is listed in "The Best Lawyers in America" (appeals), in *Washington Law & Politics'* Super Lawyers® (for over a decade), in its "Top 100" for 2012, and in its "Top 10 in Appellate Law," as well as in *Seattle Met* magazine's "Top 100 Attorneys in Washington" for 2012.

Masters is an active member of Washington's legal community. He currently chairs the WSBA's Court

Rules and Procedures Committee, on which he has served for over eight years. He is also a past chair of WSBA's Amicus Curiae Brief Committee. Masters serves on the Washington State Supreme Court's Long-Range Strategic-Planning Steering Committee, as well as the King County Bar Association's (KCBA) Judicial Conferencing, CLE, and Awards committees, and on its Judicial Screening Committee, which he previously co-chaired. Masters is a past president of the KCBA Appellate Law Section, and has received a WSBA pro bono commendation every year since 2004.

"The best thing in life is working with others who want to help people, such as my wife (a tireless advocate for victims of abuse); my law partner, Shelby Frost Lemmel (a great appellate lawyer, and mother of two beautiful young children); and the many lawyers I have enjoyed working with, whether on appeal, or through bar associations and other organizations," said Masters.

Masters lives on Bainbridge Island with his wife, Kara Masters, a partner at Skellenger Bender, in Seattle. An avid musician, he plays jazz guitar with a variety of groups as time permits, and is president of Seattle's Earshot Jazz Board of Directors.

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**Gerald J. Moberg**  
Governor — District 4

Born in Spokane, Ephrata attorney Gerald Moberg received his undergraduate degree from Gonzaga University and his law degree from Gonzaga University School of Law. He practiced with the Moses Lake firm of Ries & Kenison from 1974 until 1989, and served as a superior court judge in Grant County from 1989–92. From 1992–95, he was a partner in the Spokane firm of Lukins & Annis as a trial attorney, then had a solo practice in Moses Lake until 1999. Since 1999, Moberg has practiced with Canfield & Associates, a third-party administrator of several public risk pools, representing cities, school districts, and counties in litigation.

Moberg served as a school board member in Moses Lake from 1974–76. He worked closely with Grant County to develop their public defense program. He has served on the board of the Washington Counsel of School Attorneys, and currently serves on the board of the Samaritan Hospital Ethics Committee.

"The WSBA is at a crossroads and we are faced with making important decisions that will redefine the WSBA's mission," said Moberg. "I am honored that my fellow lawyers in the 4th District have seen fit to elect me to serve on the Board of Governors. I have practiced as a solo practitioner and have worked in a fairly large firm. I think I understand the needs of lawyers practicing in Eastern Washington and hope to make the WSBA a stronger and relevant part of their practice."



**Judge Paul Bastine**



**Barbara Rhoads-Weaver**



**Robin Haynes**

**Judge Paul A. Bastine**  
Governor — District 5

Judge Paul Bastine received his law degree from Gonzaga University School of Law. Following law school, he served as a Peace Corps volunteer and volunteer leader in Brazil in 1964–65. He was a deputy prosecuting attorney for Spokane County in 1966 until he went into private practice with the Spokane law firm of Lukins, Annis & Bastine, P.S. from 1966–78. From 1978–95, he was a principal in the law firm of Bastine, Carroll & Iverson, P.S., in Spokane; in 1995, he was appointed by Governor Mike Lowry to the Spokane County Superior Court as judge of Department No. 8. He served as presiding judge for Spokane County Superior Court in 1998. In 1999,

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he became the first family law judge in Spokane County dedicating his full judicial time to the administration of justice in family law. Judge Bastine served in that capacity in 1999–2000, and from 2002 until his retirement from full-time judicial activity in 2005. He continues to serve as a *pro tem* judge, including private trials, arbitrations, and mediations.

Judge Bastine's service to the WSBA began in 1974, when he served two years on its Legal Aid Committee, including a term as chair. Since then, he has also served on the Special Task Force on Statewide Legal Services, the Pro Bono Services Task Force I and II, Family Law Task Force, and Equal Access to Justice Task Force, as well as the WSBA Resolutions Committee, Ethics Committee, Practice of Law Board, Access to Justice Board, and Disciplinary Board.

Judge Bastine has also served on the Gonzaga University School of Law Board of Advisors; as a Gonzaga University Law School Foundation trustee; on the Valley Hospital Foundation Board and Valley Hospital Community Board; and on the board of the Children's Home

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Society of Washington. In 2012, he joined the board of directors for TeamChild.

“I have been fortunate to serve the legal profession, the Bar Association, and the public in a number of capacities,” said Judge Bastine. “I look forward to continuing to do so as a governor of the Washington State Bar Association.”

**Barbara J. Rhoads-Weaver**  
**Governor — District 7-West**

Vashon attorney Barbara Rhoads-Weaver grew up in Richmond, Virginia, and received her undergraduate degree in estuarine ecology from St. Mary's College of Maryland. After working as a research assistant at the Chesapeake Biological Laboratories and as a water

plant operator at Fairfax County Water Authority, she moved to Seattle and changed careers, earning her law degree *summa cum laude* from Seattle University School of Law. Rhoads-Weaver began her legal career as a law clerk to the Honorable Tom Chambers, of the Washington State Supreme Court, then worked as an associate at a medium-sized law firm in Seattle for five years before forming her own practice, Sustainable Law PLLC, in 2009. Her practice focuses on representing injured people in civil suits. She was named a “Rising Star” by *Washington Law & Politics* magazine in 2009 and 2010.

Rhoads-Weaver is an active member of Washington's legal community. Since 2008, she has served on the Board of Directors for QLaw, the GLBT bar asso-

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ciation of Washington. She is an Eagle member of the Washington State Association of Justice, and a member of Mother Attorneys Mentoring Association of Seattle (MAMAS).

“I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to serve,” said Rhoads-Weaver. “I look forward to working with my colleagues to navigate the challenges faced by the Bar in these dynamic times.”

**Robin L. Haynes**  
**Governor — At-large**

Spokane attorney Robin Haynes received her undergraduate degree in English and political science, and a master's degree in English literature, from Gonzaga University; she received her law degree from Gonzaga University School of Law. She joined the firm of Reed & Giesa, P.S., in 2005 as a law clerk and in 2011 became its first female partner.

Haynes's involvement in the legal community began shortly after her graduation from law school, when she

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— Elizabeth Tellessen on Governor Robin Haynes

began serving regularly as a volunteer judge for moot court and student competitions at Gonzaga. Since 2009, she has served as a mentor for first-year law students and has spoken on panels at student events. She helped to organize an interview skills networking event in April 2012 for Gonzaga law students with the Spokane County Young Lawyers Division (SYLD) and the WYLD. Since 2008, she has served on a SYLD Board, first as a trustee and then as its secretary, president-elect, and 2011–12 president. Haynes served on the Spokane County Bar Association Board of Trustees and Strategic Planning Committee, as well as the Volunteer Lawyers Program's Board of Directors. In 2010, she became the Greater Spokane District trustee to the WYLD Board of Trustees, also serving as its liaison to the Membership Outreach Committee.

“Ms. Haynes takes her responsibilities as a representative of Spokane’s young lawyers and the young lawyers in her district seriously, and is always persistent in making sure their voices are heard and concerns addressed,” said Elizabeth Tellessen, a principal at Spokane firm Winston Cashatt. “In addition to her dedicated services, Ms. Haynes sets an example of professionalism and leadership which, along with her many other skills, makes her an ideal young lawyer representative to the WSBA Board of Governors.” <sup>69</sup>

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