



Keynote Address by Connie Collingsworth

General Counsel and Secretary, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Friday, October 12, 2012 The Museum of Glass Tacoma, Washington

Agenda

Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony

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Lauren Sancken and Bahareh Samanian, Events VPs 2011-2012

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Judge Karen Conoley

Presentation of Board and Chapter Member of the Year Awards
Alison Bettles, President 2011-2012

Presentation of President's Award
Alison Bettles, President 2011-2012

Presentation of Passing the Torch Award

Justice Mary Fairhurst

Keynote Address

"Lead – Serve – Balance"

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Passing of the Gavel
Alison Bettles, President 2011-2012 and Jeanne Marie Clavere, President 2012-2013

Closing Remarks

Jeanne Marie Clavere, President 2012-2013

Keynote Speaker



Connie Collingsworth

Connie Collingsworth is the General Counsel, Secretary and member of the Management Committee of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. She is responsible for managing all of the foundation's legal needs, providing guidance, developing creative solutions to support the achievement of the foundation's programmatic objectives, and helping to ensure the foundation follows its guiding principles. Prior to joining the foundation in 2002, Ms. Collingsworth was a Partner and member of the Executive Committee of Preston Gates & Ellis, a prominent Northwest law firm (now known as K&L Gates), where her practice focused on corporate

securities law and private equity investments. She is currently on the board of Women's World Banking and The Parents Union. She also previously served as Board Chair of Social Venture Partners, a network of individuals who leverage expertise and resources to strengthen nonprofits, and was a founder and Board Chair of the French American School of Puget Sound. Ms. Collingsworth received an LL.M. in International Business Legal Studies from the University of Exeter, England, a J.D. from the University of Nebraska School of Law, and a B.A. in English from Andrews University.

Award Recipients



President's Award - Charlotte Clark- Mahoney

Charlotte received her JD from the University of Dayton (Ohio) School of Law in 1982 and began her legal career in Washington as a misdemeanor public defender at Eastside Defender. She moved to a misdemeanor prosecutor for the City of Seattle and in 1990, joined the Washington State Attorney General's Office where she practiced child welfare litigation. She has practiced in the Labor and Industries Division for the last 18 years. Charlotte joined WWL as soon as she heard of it. During her many years as a member, she has served off and on as a member of the King County WWL Judicial Evaluation Committee. She served a three year

term as KCWWL Board member. In 2002, she rejoined the JEC and became chair in 2007. Eventually, she and Mary Reiten combined chair duties and have been working together ever since. This year, they volunteered with local JEC members to assist the State committee. When asked about WWL, Charlotte says "WWL is my favorite organization. From the time I first started going to events with WWL, I have met strong, powerful, influential, and funny woman lawyers. The dedication of those who work for the organization is remarkable. In the JEC, members discuss and argue their viewpoints, always keeping the importance of the bench and the dignity and reputation of our organization in mind. It is very gratifying but also serious work. Thank you, Alison, for the recognition of the work of the state and local JEC's, thanks to the members of KCWWL JEC who make the committee a pleasure to work with, thanks to Amy Robinson and Becca Glascow for support during various issues that have arisen, and mostly, thanks to Mary who has been a steadfast colleague through the waves of evaluations this past year. I am honored and grateful to receive this award with her."



President's Award - Mary Reiten

Mary began her legal career in Alaska in 1998 clerking for the Superior Court in Sitka. After experiencing "Island Fever," she returned to California, where she had attended Hastings College of Law, and clerked for the Presiding Judge's Department of the San Francisco Superior Court. Two years later, she decided that she needed "real" litigation experience and moved to Lieff, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein, LLP where she litigated product defect and antitrust class actions. In 2002, Tousley Brain Stephens PLLC convinced her to move to Seattle, where she has remained. Currently, Mary not only litigates class actions, but has a

growing practice in homeowner association and condominium law. She also litigates real property and commercial disputes. Mary joined WWL in 2006, and became involved at the Board level in 2008 leading the Judicial Appreciation Lunch committee in 2008 and 2009. In 2010 she joined the Judicial Evaluation Committee

President's Award - Mary Reiten (cont.)

and has been co-chairing and acting as Board liaison this past year with Charlotte Clark-Mahoney. She has also acted as a pro tem member of the State JEC where she will join as a full member next year. Mary thoroughly enjoys her work with the JEC – even all the phone calls! The debate and thought that goes into each evaluation makes her a proud member of an intelligent group of women!



Passing the Torch Award - Judge Lisa Sutton

Besides her family and grandkids, Judge Lisa Sutton's greatest satisfaction has been serving others. The YMCA recognized her work to help needy youth and families access YMCA's programs. Attorney General McKenna recognized her work in domestic violence awareness and overall contributions of 24 years in the largest public law firm, the Attorney General's Office, and by her then managerial peers as Outstanding Managing Attorney. On Election Day 2010, when Governor Gregoire appointed Lisa L. Sutton to the Thurston County Superior Court

Bench, Judge Sutton became the county's 29th Superior Court Judge and the 6th female judge in the county's history. She has served to date as Criminal Presiding Judge, Civil Trial Judge, and soon Family & Juvenile Court Judge. She also is Judicial Liaison for Thurston County's Volunteer Legal Clinic, teaches students about the role of the judiciary, and volunteers her time for Capital City Marathon, Olympia Youth Chorus, and Family Support Center helping homeless and low income families to obtain services. She is grateful and humbled by WWL's Passing the Torch award.



Legacy Award - Judge M. Karlynn Haberly

Judge Haberly graduated from the University of Washington with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She earned her J.D. from the University of Puget Sound School of Law. Judge Haberly practiced law for 14 years. She served as a judge pro tem in both District and Superior Courts and as the Kitsap County Hearings Examiner prior to her appointment to the Kitsap County bench. Judge Haberly was appointed to the Kitsap County Superior Court Bench in January 1993 and has been re-elected to subsequent terms. Judge Haberly was instrumental in implementing the Family Dependency Drug Court Program and currently presides over it. The

Family Dependency Drug Court targets parents who risk losing their children because of abuse or negligence caused by substance abuse. Judge Haberly has served on several community agency boards, including the United Way, YMCA, and YWCA. She was the recipient of the YWCA Woman of Achievement Award in 1999.



State Board Member of the Year - Amy Robinson

Amy Robinson has served with Washington Women Lawyers for nearly a decade, and previously served as President in the 2008-2009 Board Year. She received her B.S. from Washington State University, worked in the human resources field for several years, and then obtained her J.D. from Lewis and Clark. After receiving her J.D., Amy practiced with Barron Smith Daugert in Bellingham and Smith Freed & Eberhard in Portland before joining Jordan Ramis PC as a Shareholder based at its Vancouver office in 2012. Amy represents clients in a broad range of employment and general business-related issues and disputes, and serves

as corporate counsel to both for-profit and non-profit businesses and organizations on a range of transactions, governance, and other corporate matters. She also conducts workplace investigations, and frequently speaks and provides training for HR professionals, managers, employees, and organizations on a variety of employment and human resources issues. Amy currently serves as the Judicial Evaluations Committee Co-Chair for WWL, a Member of the Board of Directors of the WWL Foundation, and Vice President of Membership for Southwest Washington Human Resources Management Association (Southwest Washington SHRM).



Capitol Chapter Member of the Year - Alicia Young

Alicia has been a member of the Capitol Chapter Board since 2007. Alicia was a wonderful VP-Programs, planning several very popular Capitol Chapter events. She then undertook the role of Treasurer, where she reliably and capably performed the sometimes mundane task of tracking our finances and making the necessary reports to the state organization. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, Alicia has been an unerringly consistent member of the Capitol Chapter's Judicial Evaluation Committee since 2010. She can always be counted on to undertake the sometimes daunting workload, including multiple interviews and reference

checks. And the committee overall appreciates her sound judgment and good sense. In sum, Alicia is a core member of our chapter and we could not accomplish all that we do without her.



Clark/St. Helens Chapter Member of the Year - Pamela Loh

Pamela Loh is a Vancouver lawyer who focuses her practice on juvenile and immigration law. She graduated with a Bachelors Degree from Whittier College before studying law at Seattle University, earning her Juris Doctor in 2000. Pam has a diverse perspective formed by a career that also includes corporate civil practice and criminal prosecution of domestic violence cases. Pam has a strong history of advocacy not only in her practice, but through civic engagement, having served as Co-Chair of the Oregon Minority Lawyers Association, and as an active member of WWL-Clark/St. Helens chapter. She currently chairs the chapter's Judicial

Evaluation Committee. Pam also serves as a Board Member of the Clark County YWCA. She balances these activities with raising two young children with her husband, Bernard.



King County Chapter Member of the Year - Stephanie Erickson

Stephanie has been an invaluable member of the King County Chapter in 2012. New to our Board, she took on the role of Chair of our Civic Affairs Committee. In that role, she worked tirelessly to promote the goals and values of Washington Women Lawyers, planning programs that truly enhanced women's lives. This year she coordinated a resume writing workshop for Mary's Place, the only day shelter for women and children in King County, and an interview skill-building program with Jubilee House. Stephanie's enthusiasm and dedication to helping women brought in record numbers of volunteers to assist with these programs, and she truly

embodied the mission of our Chapter. In addition, she brought positive recognition to WWL in our community, and the outpouring of thanks and support from both the community members she touched and our own chapter members made her a unanimous nomination for Chapter Member of the Year. Stephanie graduated from the University of Washington School of Law in 2001, and currently works as a contract Attorney at Merkel Law Offices. In addition, she still finds time to serve as a volunteer Attorney at KCBA Kinship Care Solutions Project. We are so proud to have her with us. Congratulations, Stephanie!



Kitsap County Chapter Member of the Year - Elizabeth Starks

Since being admitted to practice law in the State of Washington in November 2006, Elizabeth has practiced in the areas of civil, domestic relations, and criminal defense. She has high ethical standards, and is respectful of all parties, counsel, and the legal process. She also is active in WWL activities and is especially helpful with sharing her perspectives on managing work-life balance. She does all of this while raising her young family of three boys with her husband, Jason. Elizabeth is a great example of how to conduct a practice with grace and civility, while maintaining a healthy balance in her personal life at the same time.



Pierce County Chapter Member of the Year - Chrishendra Tucker

Chrishendra Tucker re-established the PCWWL Judicial Evaluations Committee this year after several years' hiatus. Our chapter was able to provide evaluations in four hotly contested Superior Court judicial races, and get the results out before ballots were mailed to voters. As a result, we provided a critical viewpoint to our members and voters, and showcased WWL's value to the community. Chrishendra is a staff attorney with the Northwest Justice Project in Tacoma where she advocates for low-income clients in cases involving family law, housing, and civil rights issues. Chrishendra also practices Tribal Court and Indian Law, and she was

inspirational in helping form the Urban Indian Legal Clinic in Tacoma. The clinic opened the Summer of 2012 through Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association's Volunteer Legal Services Program. Prior to joining Northwest Justice Project, Chrishendra practiced criminal law as a prosecutor for four years and a defense attorney for six years. Chrishendra graduated from Seattle University School of Law in 1992.



Pierce County Chapter Member of the Year - Pauline Woodman

Pauline Woodman was the driving force behind the Pierce chapter's presentation to the State Board to have this year's Annual Event in Tacoma. She provided inspiration, motivation, research and legwork, all with a sunny demeanor that made us look forward to meetings. Pauline is a solo practitioner with a focus on tax representation and estate planning. Pauline volunteers with the University of Washington's Tax Clinics assisting individuals unable to obtain access to help otherwise. Pauline also assists customers on Turbo Tax when questions arise.

Prior to law school, Pauline worked at Charles Schwab, Mutual of America, and Bank of America. In her free time, she loves to travel and relax with friends. She's handy with a hammer and recently remodeled her house by adding an additional bedroom and bathroom. Pauline graduated from King Hall at the University of California, Davis in 2007.



Snohomish County Chapter Member of the Year - Melanie Thomas Dane

Melanie Thomas Dane is a graduate of the University of Washington where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in political science and a Seattle University School of Law graduate. She is a founding member and partner with the firm of Zachor & Thomas, Inc., P.S. where she represents municipalities in Snohomish County as their prosecuting attorney. She has worked as a municipal prosecutor for the past 10 years. In addition, she serves as a Judge Pro Tempore for King County District Court and the Seattle and Bothell Municipal Courts. She has been on the Snohomish County WWL board since 2004 and is the past president of the

chapter having served from 2008-2011. She serves on the Judicial Evaluation Committee and assists with judicial forums and CLE's, and works to increase the county's membership through networking and social events. Ms. Dane is currently the chapter's state liaison representing Snohomish County at the state board meetings. Ms. Dane is committed to diversity on the bench, the promotion of women in the legal profession, and works with WWL and the National Women's Political Caucus to further promote qualified women to the bench and legal profession.



Spokane County Chapter Member of the Year - *Eowen Rosentrater*

Eowen is the Spokane Chapter's go-to member for all social events. Even though she is busy with her family and her practice, Eowen is graciously generous with her time and talents. At nearly every social event the Spokane Chapter sponsored during the 2011-2012 year, it was Eowen who planned, purchased and set up refreshments and decorations. Food and beverages were presented with style, and members welcomed with a smile. Eowen's constant and cheerful willingness to take on the role of hostess at WWL events has been invaluable.



The Washington Women Lawyers Foundation is a nonprofit organization formed in 1997 as an IRS 501 (c)(3) entity to act as the charitable arm of Washington Women Lawyers (WWL). The Foundation's mission, consistent with WWL, is to support "educational opportunities and efforts relating to the elimination of discrimination and the support and promotion of diversification and proportional representation of women in the legal profession."

We are coming to the close of our 15th year, and remain ever grateful for the staunch support of WWL and its members. The generous donations we continue to receive through your contributions at the WWL Annual Event and throughout the year, have allowed us to contribute to a host of worthy endeavors that advance our collective mission. In particular, we have maintained a tradition of gifting funds to the Women's Law Caucuses at each of Washington's law schools to use for important events and scholarships for Washington's future women lawyers. We also proudly support the King County Bar Association's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. luncheon. Equal rights and opportunities for women and minorities continue to be an issue and the Foundation proudly supported the celebration of Dr. King's life and work.

In 2012, for the first time, we also had the opportunity to support the Judicial Institute, a pilot program formed by a collaborative group of representatives from the Washington State Bar Association, minority and specialty bar associations, including WWL, local bar representatives and members of the judiciary to encourage qualified minority attorneys to seek judicial positions, through a comprehensive education and mentorship program. The Institute's goal is to promote court benches which reflect the richness and diversity of the communities and populations served by the judicial system throughout the State of Washington, and the Foundation was proud to contribute to this goal through its contribution to the Institute's inaugural year.

We hope that you will help us to continue our legacy of supporting these and other worthy activities and the mission of WWL in 2013 and beyond, by making your own donation to the Foundation. Envelopes have been provided at your tables, and if you wish to make a tax-deductible contribution by check tonight we will send you a receipt for your records following the event. Of course, you may also send your contributions to:

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For more information about the Foundation or its work, please contact WWLF Board Member Amy Robinson at *amy.robinson@jordanramis.com*.

Thank you to WWL for your continued support, and congratulations to WWL President Alison Bettles and the rest of the outgoing WWL Board for another terrific event!











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