

## PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

**PRESS RELEASE: October 1, 2018**

### **RE: JUDGE STEPHANIE AREND RECIPIENT OF THE WILLIAM NEVIN'S AWARD**

During the recent Washington State Superior Court Judges Fall Conference in Yakima, Judge Stephanie Arend was awarded the prestigious William Nevin Award for her work on youth and public education about the judiciary. Judge Arend was very deserving of this award for so many reasons and we are thrilled that the Washington Judges' Foundation chose her as this year's recipient. She joins a most distinguished group of past recipients, including Pierce County Superior Court Judge Kitty-Ann van Doorninck, who received the Nevins Award in 2013. Presiding Judge Elizabeth Martin said, "for those of us at Fall Conference, seeing Judge Arend's shocked reaction as she realized she was being given the award was a definite highlight, as was the sustained spontaneous standing ovation from all of the judges present and Judge Arend's clear joy at being given the award by Justice Alexander, one of her long-time heroes." Judge Arend has been passionately dedicated to educating youth and the public about the judiciary throughout her career. Her passion has manifested in tangible and meaningful contributions to fostering understanding and respect for the judiciary.



#### **About the William Nevin's Award:**

The award is given by the Washington Judge's Foundation to judges with a long-term commitment to youth education and public understanding of the law and the role of the judiciary in American society. The Foundation was created in 1999 with the help of a \$50,000 bequest from the estate of Lincoln County Superior Court Judge William Nevins.

#### **About Judge Stephanie Arend:**

Judge Arend was appointed to the Pierce County Superior Court Bench in September of 1999. Prior to her position with Superior Court, Judge Arend worked for the law firm of Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell, Malanca, Peterson and Daheim. She is a member of the Washington Bar Association, Tacoma Pierce County Bar Association, Washington Women Lawyers and a faculty member of the Judicial College, Civil Motions and Fact Finding. For the past three years she has organized the Superior Court Judges and Commissioners work with Habitat for Humanity. Judge Arend was awarded the American Board of Trial Advocates Judge of the Year in 2016. Judge Arend is a graduate of Alverno College and she holds a Juris Doctor from University of Puget Sound School of Law.

#### **About Pierce County Superior Court:**

Pierce County Superior Court is the second largest Superior Court in the State of Washington and is proud to serve the citizens and visitors of Pierce County. The Court is staffed with 22 Judges and 9 Commissioners. There are three sites where court is held; the County City

Building at 930 Tacoma Ave S Tacoma, Remann Hall Juvenile Court at 5501 6<sup>th</sup> Ave Tacoma, and Western State Hospital at 9601 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood. For more information, please visit our website at <http://co.pierce.wa.us/superiorcourt>.

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