



Top from left: Anthony Savage Award recipient Kevin Griffin with Kari Reardon; Champion of Justice Award recipients Christopher Carney, Anita Kahndelwal, LaRond Baker, Jason Schwarz, Cassie Trueblood, and Braden Pence. Bottom from left: Louis Frantz, Douglas Award recipient Suzanne Lee Elliott, David Zuckerman; and President's Award recipient Lila Silverstein.

appeal on more than 250 state and federal cases, including many cases that have transformed criminal practice in Washington. Her first Washington State Supreme Court case, *State v. Leach*, decided in 1989, reformed misdemeanor charging practices statewide. She has represented defendants in eight capital cases in Washington, Alaska, and Colorado, winning reversal of the death sentence in several. She also considers her work with Doris Green, a defendant in the Wenatchee Witch Hunt, which resulted in Ms. Green's release from DOC and allowed her to reunite with her children, to be a career highlight. While Suzanne concentrates on appellate work, she has appeared in courts at every level of the criminal justice

system, from Washington's municipal and district courts all the way to the United States Supreme Court.

Even in cases where she did not prevail, she fought the good fight. Says colleague Anna Tolin, "Suzanne's oral argument in front of the U.S. Supreme Court in the Cal Brown death penalty case was an impressive example of her talent and tenacity."

Suzanne has also been the co-chair of WACDL's amicus committee since 1999, a role in which she has greatly expanded the influence WACDL in the appellate courts and has worked to ensure that WACDL's voice is heard on every significant criminal law issue raised before the Washington State Supreme Court.

President's Awards

WACDL's President's Awards go to **Steve Thayer** and **Lila Silverstein** this year. Since Steve Thayer was unable to be in Chelan for the awards dinner, his award will be presented later this year.

Seattle attorney **Lila Silverstein** is an appellate public defender who appears in all three divisions of the Washington Court of Appeals and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and has argued over 20 cases before the Washington State Supreme Court. Some of her notable supreme court cases include *State v. Saintcalle* (addressing race discrimination in jury selection), *State v. Snapp* (addressing the state constitutional right to privacy), and

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Investigations in a Digital Age September 18, 2015 in Seattle

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Neil Fox on discovery motions; Harry Gasnick and Roger Hunko on pretrial motions; Philip Thornton on severance; Cassie Trueblood on mental health motions; Robert Perez on creative motions practice; Fernanda Torres on post-trial motions; Casey Stamm on interstate detainer, and Louis Frantz on ethics. Sponsor: WACDL

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State v. E.J.J. (addressing the First Amendment right to criticize police use of force). Lila is also dedicated to fighting the unfair application of capital punishment, and represents clients appealing death sentences in Washington and Colorado.

A tireless advocate for indigent appellants and a champion of the Constitution, Lila's work has resulted not only in victories for her own clients, but also a broadening of important protections for all defendants in Washington.

Vancouver attorney **Steve Thayer** has practiced law in southwest Washington since 1977, with an emphasis in criminal defense. He has tried and won criminal cases involving all kinds of charges.

Some of the results he achieved in 2014 include outright dismissal of a first degree armed robbery case in January, outright dismissal of a second degree murder case in March, outright dismissal of an attempted first degree murder case in June, and a jury acquittal for a police officer accused of fourth degree assault domestic violence in November.

For over 38 years, Steve has provided the highest level of advocacy for his clients and has long been recognized as one of the top criminal defense attorneys in southwest Washington and throughout the region. Steve is well known for his legal acumen as well as his hard work and dedication to those in trouble.

He is always willing to consult

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5. Wash. Const. Art. I, section 7; *State v. Rankin*, 151 Wn.2d 689, 695, 92 P.3d 202 (2004); *State v. White*, 135 Wn.2d 761, 958 P.2d 982 (1998); *State v. Hendrickson*, 129 Wn.2d 61, 917 P.2d 563 (1996).
6. *Schneckloth v. Bustamonte*, 412 U.S. 218, 36 L. Ed. 2d 854, 93 S. Ct. 2041 (1973); *State v. Shoemaker*, 85 Wn.2d 207, 211-12, 533 P.2d 123 (1975).
7. See *State v. Leach*, 113 Wn.2d 735, 744, 782 P.2d 1035 (1985) (“[w]here police have ample opportunity to obtain a warrant, we do not look kindly on their failure to do so.”).
8. *State v. Ferrier*, 136 Wn.2d. 103, 118 960 P.2d 927 (1998).
9. RCW 46.20.308 (2) (a) and (b).
10. RCW 46.20.308.
11. *State v. Ferrier*, 136 Wn.2d. 103, 118 960 P.2d 927 (1998).

with colleagues about cases. He is a Founding Member and former Vice President of WACDL, he has published and lectured extensively, and he was featured as a Super Lawyer by *Washington Law and Politics* in 2000, 2001 and 2003-2012.

Anthony Savage Award

Spokane attorney **Kevin Griffin** is this year's recipient of the Anthony Savage Award, recognizing “an outstanding trial performance or result achieved by an attorney in practice for less than ten years.”

An attorney since 2007, Kevin has conducted numerous trials for serious offenses. In the last year alone, Kevin has achieved a not guilty on an attempted murder charge as well as nine not guilty verdicts on seven counts of assault 1, burglary 1, and