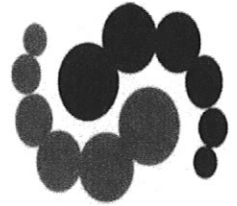




WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Civil Rights Law Section



September 23, 2021

To: Christina Ellis, KEEP
From: Tobin Klusty, Chair of the Civil Rights Law Section

FRANCES B. NORTH CIVIC LEADER AWARD NOTIFICATION

I am very pleased to inform you that *the Civil Rights Law Section (CRLS) of the Washington State Bar Association has selected you to receive this year's Frances B. North Civic Leader Award.*

This award is only provided to community leaders that represent or advocate on behalf of people or legal issues regarding civil rights, civil liberties, or basic human rights such as freedom from discrimination, protection from abuse, or obtaining essential human services, including food, healthcare, and shelter. The award was renamed from the Civic Leader Award to honor the life of Frances B. North, a Seattle civic leader known for her role uniting the business sector, public schools, and city government to end segregation. You will join several other civic leaders and icons who have received this award in Ms. North's honor, including Maru Mora Villalpando, Reverend Harriett Walden, Luis Moscoso, Larry Gossett, Bob Santos, Kathleen Taylor, and Washington United for Marriage.

Selecting this year's award recipient was no easy task. We sought recommendations from a wide range of community members and organizations to select recipients who work closely with impacted communities to make our system equitable and better for all. We also did so to recognize individuals often overlooked for their extraordinary work. And with the help of several community members, we received nominations for many extraordinary advocates, all of whom deserving of the award for their exceptional work.

We chose you for the Frances B. North Civic Leader Award to recognize your selfless compassion and incredible work aimed at dismantling racial disproportionality in our educational system. We are incredibly grateful to have leaders like you in our community who relentlessly push to advance and protect the civil rights for all.

AWARDS CEREMONY

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the CRLS 2021 Awards Ceremony will be held virtually on October 20, 2021 from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. You will be recognized as receiving the Frances B. North Civic Leader Award at the ceremony, but the physical award will be shipped to you directly. Shortly after the ceremony, between 5:15 to 6:00 p.m., we will host a live Zoom event with all recipients and the CRLS Executive Committee to personally thank you for your work.

We would be honored to have you attend the ceremony and the live event afterwards.

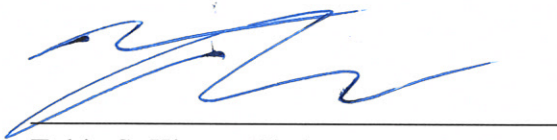
We would also greatly appreciate you providing us with any photographs of yourself that we may use at the Awards Ceremony.

Please share these photographs and notify us via email whether you will attend the event by October 4, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. In your email, please also provide an address where you can receive your physical award. Your email should be sent to the following people in the same email: Tobin Klusty (tobink@mazzonelaw.com), Laura Sierra (lasierra@microsoft.com), and Mickey Moritz (atmoritz@gmail.com).

After receiving your response, we will provide more details about the ceremony and schedule a time to discuss any questions you may have.

The CRLS greatly appreciates your leadership and is honored to recognize you as the recipient of our Frances B. North Civic Leader Award.

Best,



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