

## WACDL NEWS

### 2016 Award Recipients

WACDL presented the following awards during our June 2017 annual conference in Chelan:

#### William O. Douglas Award

**John Strait** received the 2017 William O. Douglas Award. The Douglas Award is WACDL's most esteemed award, and is given to recognize "a pattern of extraordinary achievement, courage, and dedication in the practice of criminal law."

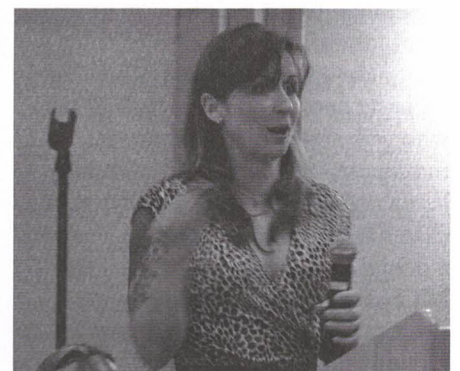
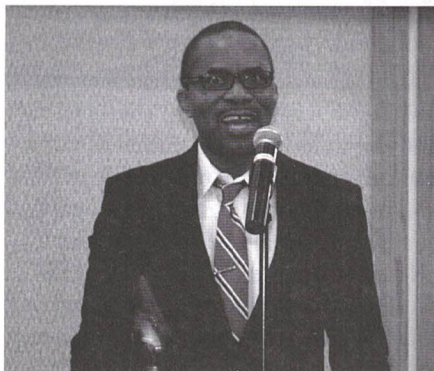
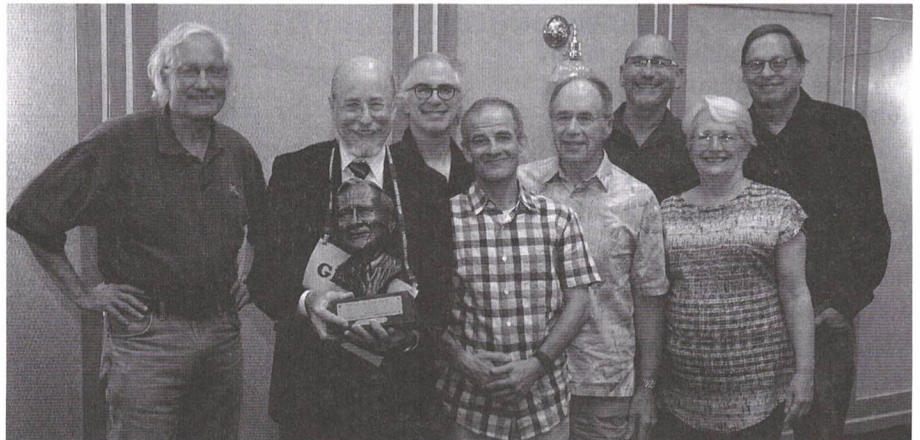
Strait, a graduate of Yale Law School, has served as a law professor teaching a variety of subjects related to criminal law, trial advocacy, constitutional law and ethics at Seattle University for more than 43 years.

He has also spoken at hundreds of continuing legal education courses locally and nationally; provided expert testimony about ethics and malpractice in courts as an expert witness in hundreds of cases, including the United States Supreme Court; and worked tirelessly to ensure access to the courts for indigents and criminal defendants, most often without compensation. A WACDL member since 1989, he has served on a variety of committees and task forces — including the task force that drafted our email discussion list rules, and currently serves as one of the co-chairs of the WACDL Ethics Hotline.

According to attorney and colleague Richard Hansen, "It is hard to imagine a more deserving recipient of this award for Professor Strait's 'extraordinary courage and dedication to the practice of criminal law.'"

#### President's Awards

WACDL presented three Presi-



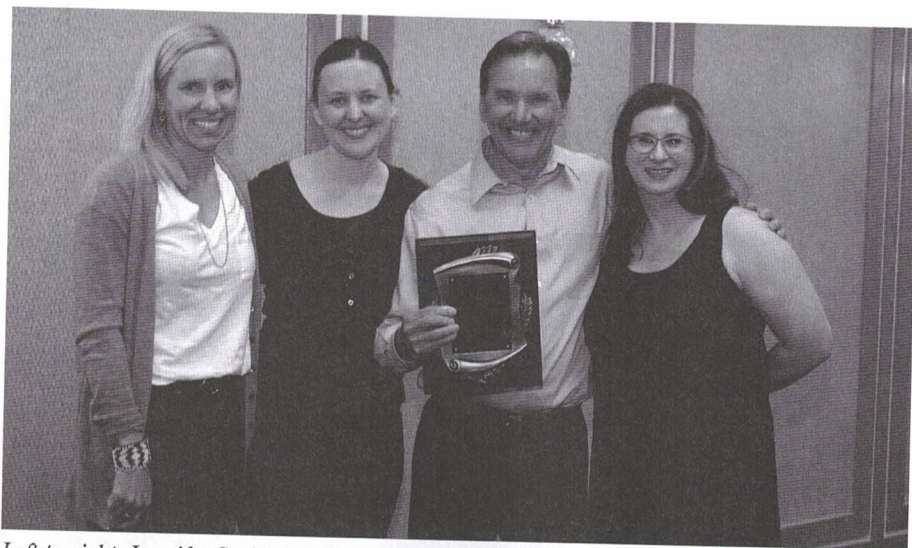
*Top: Past Douglas Award recipients flank the 2017 Douglas Award recipient. Left to right: Richard Hanse, John Strait, Neil Fox, Todd Maybrow, David Allen, Peter Offenbecher, Lenell Nussbaum, Jim Lobsenz. Bottom: President Awards recipients Francis Adewale and Casey Stamm.*

series of related cases, or long-time service to the criminal defense:

- Spokane attorney **Francis Adewale** was instrumental in starting Spokane's Municipal Community Court where he also continues to work as its lead public defender. Established in December 2013, the court convenes in the downtown Spokane Public Library every Monday and diverts non-violent misdemeanors and gross-misdemeanor offenders to social service and medical providers. Attorney Kathy Knox says, "Francis's professional and personal life has been dedi-

poorest and most disadvantaged people in our communities, and he is well-deserving of this award."

- **Casey Stamm** is in private practice in Seattle and has been handling criminal cases at all stages in federal and state courts as well as attorney and judicial disciplinary proceedings for nearly twenty years. Casey's work includes tenacious and boundary-pushing challenges to federal wiretaps, complicated homicide cases, high-profile sexual assault cases, and fraud cases. Lawyers often turn to Casey for help, when they are accused of misconduct, or find themselves in difficult



Left to right: Jennifer Smith, Emily Zulauf, President's Award recipient Jon Zulauf, and award presenter Jennifer Horwitz.

situations. According to Kim Gordon, a WACDL past president, "If there is a tough issue, I know can turn to her to get ideas."

• **Seattle attorney Jon Zulauf** received this award both for his service to WACDL, including serving as a past president, and his work in starting the Seattle Clemency Project, which matches deserving prisoners with volunteer lawyers to draft clemency petitions. To date, with Clemency Project co-executive director Jen Smith, Jon has matched 37 applicants with lawyers. Most of the people seeking clemency have been in prison for 20 to 30 years. Their appellate rights have been exhausted. Jen Smith describes this project as "classic Jon Zulauf"—his desire to find individuals who don't have a voice and bring their voice forward, making them feel like human beings again.

#### Champion of Justice Award

The Champion of Justice Award recognizes a legislative, judicial, journalistic or humanitarian pursuit that

has staunchly preserved or defended the constitutional rights of Washington residents and endeavored to ensure justice and due process for those accused of crime.

In late 2014, Washington State installed Draeger Alcotest 9510 instruments in Snohomish County as part of a pilot rollout for new breath test devices. Several attorneys quickly realized that very little information about this new instrument was publicly available, and there was no effective way to challenge its accuracy and reliability in court. Effectively investigating the instrument would be a task no single defense attorney could be expected to reasonably take on. A formal and organized group effort raised money to conduct a source code and hardware review, without any court funds, and they ultimately sued the state when it refused to release the source code for the device.

Since the state was compelled by court order in the summer of 2016 to share the source code, the group has uncovered inaccurate information provided by the state to the defense

on Draeger DUI cases, and it has also discovered various issues that raise questions about the device's reliability.

The attorneys recognized were **Brian M. Sullivan, Jason Lantz, Melissa Sullivan, George Bianchi, Francisco Duarte, Howard Stein, Lauren McLane, Jonathan Rands, Kathryn Fraser and Tamara Gaffney.**

#### Certificates of Appreciation

Ten certificates, recognizing service to the association, were presented. Recipients were:

- **Alea Carr:** For her work, as WACDL's legal intern, setting up the WACDL *Brady* List and drafting the WACDL *Constitutional Comparison Quick Reference Guide.*
- **Paula Deutsch:** For her service as Federal Bar co-chair/liaison 1997 - 2000 and 2012 - 2017.
- **Suzanne Elliott:** For her service as Amicus Committee co-chair 1999 - 2017.
- **Alexandria Hohman:** For drafting the WACDL *Sex Offender Registration Quick Reference Guide.*
- **Larry Jefferson:** For testifying on legislation, assistance with the holiday party & auction, and for work on the Board of Governors.
- **Cooper Offenbecher:** For his work on the CLE Committee and as a volunteer for the Strike Force.
- **Rachel Ryan:** For her work drafting the WACDL *Constitutional Comparison Quick Reference Guide.*
- **Reed Speir:** For his work on the WACDL *Appeals Quick Reference Guide,* and for assistance with the holiday party and auction.