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MAMAS Honors Justice Stephens

On Oct. 8, the Mother Attorneys Mentoring Association of Seattle (MAMAS) presented its annual MAMAS Leadership & Justice Award to the Honorable Debra L. Stephens of the Washington Supreme Court. Addressing the crowd of more than 250 attendees, Justice Stephens spoke of her personal experiences juggling her career and role as a mother.



The award is given each year to an individual who has paved the way to success for and has served as an inspiration to women attorneys striving to excel in their legal careers while balancing family demands. Last year's recipient was U.S. District Court Judge Barbara J. Rothstein. Proceeds from the luncheon are used to fund MAMAS activities.

MAMAS is a Washington bar organization dedicated to furthering the interests of attorney mothers in the profession. Founded in October 2006, it has grown quickly in both numbers and prominence. It currently has more than 700 members and has begun to spread to other states.

Among its many goals, MAMAS aims to empower mother attorneys and facilitate their success in the legal profession. To this end, MAMAS hosts monthly networking events and brown bag lunches, featuring panel presentations of particular interest to mother attorneys.

MAMAS networking events, which members attend with their children, provide a venue for mother attorneys to network, socialize and problem solve in a supportive and child-friendly environment. In addition, MAMAS maintains an active listserv where members exchange information on a variety of topics, including client referrals, practice areas, work-life balance issues, childcare options and more.

Information about MAMAS is available at www.mamaseattle.org.

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