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# Calendar Call

MARCH 18, 2024

## LOCAL HEROES RECOGNIZED

The WSBA and Board of Governors recognized local heroes at a luncheon on Thursday, March 7, 2024 for lunch in honor of the WSBA Local Heroes! This year, our very own Board member Lisa Dickinson, along with local attorney and consummate VLP Volunteer, Allan Bonney, will be recognized for their contributions to the community. Lisa was recognized for her mentorship of law students and Allan Bonney was recognized for his long running volunteer work with the SCBA Volunteer Lawyers Program.

Congratulations Lisa and Allan for the much deserved recognition!



*Above: Allan Bonney & Lisa Dickinson*



*At right: WSBA Executive Director Terra Nevitt, Allan Bonney, Lisa Dickinson & WSBA President Hunter Abell*

## Last Chance to register for the 2024 Professionalism Dinner

You can still register for this fabulous event because we've extended the registration deadline to March 24th. A late fee will apply for registrations received after March 20, 2024, however, so register today!

**See page 4 for details**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## March

- 15 15th Annual Indian Law Conference
- 27 Professionalism Dinner - Montvale

## May

- 15-16 Water Law CLE - 2 Day seminar

*Dates & events listed herein subject to change*

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## SPOKANE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT ANNOUNCES NEW MAMAVA LACTATION POD TO THE SPOKANE COUNTY COURTHOUSE!!

Welcome Mamava Lactation Pod to the Spokane County Courthouse!!

Thanks to the leadership of Spokane County Superior Court and the support of the Board of County Commissioners, a Mamava lactation pod has been installed in the Courthouse. Funding was made possible through a grant from the Administrative Office of the Courts. The pod is located in the Ladies Lounge on the fourth floor of the Courthouse outside of Courtroom 403 and is available for Spokane County employees, attorneys, jurors and the general public.

To access the lactation pod, users can download the free [Mamava](#) app to unlock the pod or check availability. The lighting and sound can also be adjusted from within the app. If a user does not have a cell phone and needs to access the pod, they can ask a Superior Court employee for the 4-digit keypad code.



# WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

In 1987, President Reagan issued Proclamation 5619 (see below). As a reminder of Women's History month and in honor of all women everywhere, the Volunteer Lawyers Program would like to say thank you for all that you do!

*By the President of the United States of America*

## A Proclamation

From earliest times, women have helped shape our Nation. Historians today stress all that women have meant to our national life, but the rest of us too should remember, with pride and gratitude, the achievements of women throughout American history.

Those achievements span the wide range of human endeavor. They have not been attained without the quiet courage and sacrifice of millions of women, some famed, most not. Women have established themselves in business and the professions, and today women outnumber men as undergraduates at our colleges and universities. Women have fought for moral and social reform and have taken part in and led many great social and political movements of our land. Women have founded many of our philanthropic, cultural, educational, and charitable institutions. Women have served our Nation with valor and distinction during wartime, nursing the wounded, piloting airplanes, performing vital jobs in defense plants. Women have forged a place for themselves in public life, serving on the Supreme Court, in the Congress, and in Cabinet posts; becoming Ambassadors; and holding Federal Executive posts that affect the lives of every citizen.

Most importantly, as women take part in the world of work, they also continue to embrace and nurture the family as they have always done. All Americans can be truly grateful for the role of women as the heart of the family and for their every accomplishment today and throughout our history.

The Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 20, has designated the month of March 1987 as "Women's History Month" and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this event.

*Now, Therefore, I, Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim March 1987 as Women's History Month. I call upon all Americans to mark this month with appropriate observances to honor the achievements of American women.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this sixteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eleventh.*

*Ronald Reagan, Proclamation 5619—Women's History Month, 1987 Online by Gerhard Peters and John T. Woolley, The American Presidency Project <https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/node/252277>*

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To coordinate tables of 8, please e-mail Liz at [MSC@SpokaneBar.org](mailto:MSC@SpokaneBar.org)

## You are invited to an award ceremony and reception to honor General James Mattis



Please join Heather Foley and the Foley Institute at a dinner and award ceremony honoring General James Mattis.

Former U.S. Secretary of Defense and four-star Marine Corps General James Mattis will be the inaugural recipient of the Thomas S. Foley Award for Distinguished Public Service. The ceremony will be held April 9 at the John J. Hemmingson Center on the Gonzaga University campus in Spokane.

For more information, and to purchase tickets, visit us at <https://foley.wsu.edu/award>.

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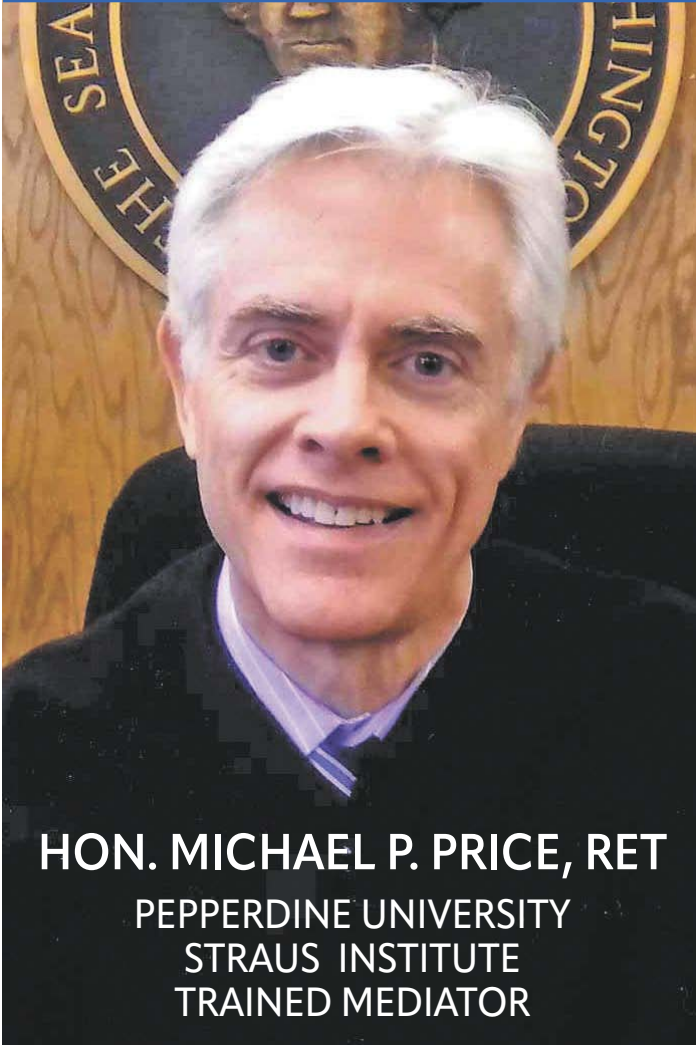


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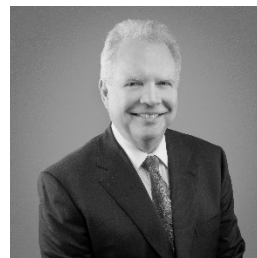
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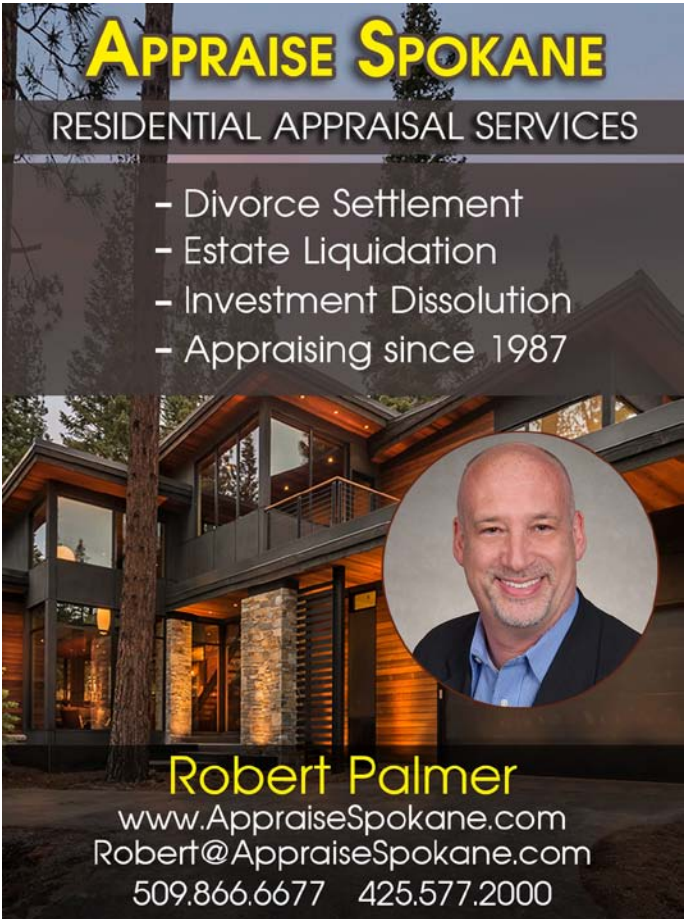

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