



BAR NO. 14844

Seattle, WA

- Grew up in NM, NJ, CO, DC, CA, VA, IN, IL, TX.
- Seattle litigator since 1986.
- Never felt unwelcomed, excluded, or inequitably treated before 2/11/2014.
- 2/11/2014 accident paralyzed my legs, imprisoning me in a wheelchair for the rest of my life.
- Now regularly unwelcomed, excluded, and inequitably treated.
- That sucks.
- But made me a better person.

TOM AHEARNE

Candidate for At-Large (incumbent)

WHAT IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLE OF THE WSBA BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND HOW DO YOU INTEND TO FULFILL THE ROLE AND ITS OBLIGATIONS?

Technical role: govern the Washington State Bar Association.

Most important role (to me): lead our State – and by example, lead our country – towards fulfilling the promise to which I have pledged my allegiance all my life: “one nation, with liberty and justice for all.”

Inclusion: all people – not many or most people.

Equity: justice not unevenly amongst us, but equally for all.

Diversity: one nation, made stronger by our exceptionally diverse people, perspectives, experiences, origins, and communities.

To me, effectively implementing WSBA’s new Equity & Justice Plan is critical to fulfilling that leadership role.

HOW HAVE YOU DEMONSTRATED YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT OF THE WSBA MISSION TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC AND THE MEMBERS OF THE BAR, TO ENSURE THE INTEGRITY OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION AND TO CHAMPION JUSTICE?

- my work last year to secure unanimous approval of our new Equity & Justice Plan – because if we’re serious about championing justice for all, effectively implementing that Plan is essential.
- my current efforts with the Y and Superior Court judges to expand this coming year’s high school mock trial competition to include more kids in our marginalized communities – building a better pipeline for kids who never considered a legal profession career.
- my prior constitutional litigation that’s added billions of dollars to public school funding in our State’s marginalized communities.