

## Law school honors Linda Strout '79 for leadership

**L**inda Strout '79, a leader both in her profession and her community, received the Reah Whitehead Public Leadership Award from the School of Law and the Women's Law Caucus.

Strout was recognized at a breakfast at the Rainier Club in October. The award recognizes women in the legal profession who have provided outstanding leadership and who have contributed significantly to the public good and society, including the Seattle University School of Law community.

Strout is deputy chief executive officer of the Port of Seattle leading the Environmental and Security Strategy Teams. Dean Kellye Testy presented the award, saying, "Your achievements have brought great pride and distinction to the law school. We applaud you for the lasting contributions you have made to our school and the Seattle legal community."

Strout has served as the port's representative on several international trade and study missions, including the 2006 Stellar Women to Women Conference in Beijing led by Sen. Maria Cantwell, Gov. Christine Gregoire's 2005 European Study Mission and a port delegation to Qingdao, China.

She has been an active in the community.



Honoree Linda Strout '79, (front center) celebrates with, front, from left, Dean Testy, WLC co-presidents Helen Williams, and Samantha Noonan, both 3Ls, right, and other past and present WLC members. Photo by Matt Hagen.

She served as president of the King County Bar Association from 1998 to 1999 and served on the Association's Board of Trustees from

1991 to 1998. She currently serves on several outside boards, including Artist Trust Board of Trustees, Columbia Legal Services Board of Trustees and Seattle University School of Law Alumni Board. Strout has also served as a member of the board for the Fred Hutchison Cancer Research Center.

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work, such as the work going on at the law school.

Judge Reah M. Whitehead was one of Washington's first women lawyers and became its first woman judge in 1914. She was re-elected to the bench six times, retiring in 1941 after 27 years in office and was known for her courage, humility, determination and dignity.

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## New alumni relations director joins law school



Grace Greenwich, a seasoned alumni relations professional, was named the new director of alumni relations for the School of Law in August.

Greenwich has headed offices at both NYU and Columbia, working in the School of Continuing and Professional Studies at NYU and Teachers College at Columbia University. She has developed alumni and advisory boards, organized fundraisers and increased annual giving among board members and excels at reaching out to alumni. She encourages alumni to get in touch and

to think of her and her office as a resource for them.

“I am truly honored to be here at the law school,” she said. “While I knew I would be working with a distinguished body of alumni, discovering the breadth of expertise and commitment to the mission of the law school has been truly inspiring.”

Greenwich is active in several professional organizations, serving as membership chair of the Association of Black Faculty, Administrators and Staff and program and development director of the Harvard University Tuskegee Airmen Youth Leadership Program, among others. She has won many awards for her service, including both the Cambridge City Council Award for Volunteerism and the Harvard University Certificate of Merit

for Volunteerism in spring, 2005.

She earned a degree in history from New York University and has completed coursework and is currently writing her thesis for a master’s degree in history from Harvard University. This fall she is also scheduled to receive a graduate certificate from the legislative studies program at Georgetown University.

“Grace’s prior experience, outstanding skills and excellent fit with our mission and goals will be vital as we increasingly engage our alumni in the life of the law school,” Dean Kellye Testy said.

Eva Mitchell, who has been alumni relations director, is now alumni and community liaison to the dean, overseeing the 35th anniversary celebrations.

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## Stay involved with your law school

**THIS IS AN EXCITING TIME** in the life of Seattle University School of Law, as the law school celebrates its 35th anniversary and looks forward to the future. The Office of Alumni Relations wants you to become more involved with the law school and hopes you will join us as we further develop and celebrate our community.

There are many ways for you to become engaged in the life of your law school, whether as a mentor to students, as a member of an alumni committee or a volunteer, or as a participant in the varied alumni and law school programs.

The Office of Alumni Relations is working with alumni to form a committee focused on providing programs in the area of public interest. The Public Interest Law Alumni Committee will support public interest programs on campus, including the annual PILF auction that raises money for summer grants awarded to students who intern in the field of public interest.

For those of you who can’t make it back to campus, Seattle University School of Law is coming to you. The Office of Alumni Relations is pleased to offer exciting programs, distinguished speakers, social gatherings and events, to keep you connected to alumni in your area and your alma mater. Watch for e-mails about upcoming events in your area.

To find out more about events, alumni benefits or ask about ways to be more involved with your law school, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 206-398-4600 or [lawalumni@seattleu.edu](mailto:lawalumni@seattleu.edu).

### Upcoming Events

**Thursday, Jan. 3**

Alumni and Friends Reception in New York

**Saturday, March 1**

Public Interest Law Alumni Reception  
Public Interest Law Foundation Auction

**Thursday, March 13**

Women of the Year Strawberries  
and Champagne Reception

**Thursday, March 27**

Black Law Student Association  
Alumni Reception

**Friday, April 25**

35th Anniversary Gala Celebration

**Saturday, May 17**

Graduation