

## 2016 Citizen Lawyers: Jacqueline D. Grant

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ASHEVILLE – The North Carolina Bar Association has recognized Asheville attorney Jacqueline D. Grant with its Citizen Lawyer Award. The award honors attorneys who provide exemplary public service to their communities.

Grant, a distinguished litigator, devotes her time to both improving her profession and her community. In her professional capacity she served as a member of the North Carolina Bar Association Board of Governors from 2010-2013 and as president of the 28th Judicial District Bar Association from 2014-2015.

Beyond her significant contributions to her professional community, Grant has assisted numerous organizations that provide services to the citizens of Buncombe County. Grant noted that her service to the community “provided an opportunity to give back and to impact the lives of the citizens of Western North Carolina in a positive way.”

David Whilden, the president of the board of directors for the Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity relates how many in the community would describe Grant by saying, “Jackie is an extraordinary person and a model citizen and we are all very grateful for her service to our community.”

For nearly 20 years, Grant has served, and serves, as a board member for numerous organizations in the Asheville area including: the Asheville-Buncombe Institute of Parity Achievement, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Western North Carolina, Mountain Area Child & Family Center, Mountain Area Hospice Foundation, University of North Carolina at Asheville Foundation, YMCA of Western North Carolina, and YWCA of Asheville. She also served for four years as member of the City of Asheville Sustainable Economic Development Task Force

The positive impact that she has on the community through these organizations is most exemplified by her current service on the Board of Directors for Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity. This organization, whose goal is to provide safe and decent housing for families in Buncombe County, has benefited from her dedication and hard work in improving the lives of the residents economically, environmentally, and socially.

Mr. Whilden, in noting that Grant served the organization with “great distinction,” said that “Her wise counsel and outstanding leadership skills have been invaluable to our Habitat affiliate over the years.”

Grant embodies all of the qualities of a Citizen Lawyer, and her service to the community epitomizes the positive impact lawyers have on their communities. Grant assists her clients as a Partner in the firm Roberts and Stevens, where she focuses her practice on civil litigation, employment law, complex personal injury law, and medical malpractice defense.

*The Citizen Lawyer Committee of the NCBA Young Lawyers Division, in conjunction with the NCBA Citizen Lawyer Committee, provides expanded coverage of the 2016 Citizen Lawyer Awards in recognition of their volunteer service and leadership in their communities and beyond.*

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