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Beasley and Broker awarded 2014 Gwyneth B. Davis Award

We take great pride in announcing the winners of the 2014 Gwyneth B. Davis Public Service Award are Associate Justice Cherie Beasley and Asheville attorney Leah Broker.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE CHERIE BEASLEY

Associate Justice Cheri Beasley has served on the Supreme Court of North Carolina since 2012. Previously, Justice Beasley served as a District Court Judge for the 12th Judicial District and served as an Associate Judge for the North Carolina Court of Appeals prior to her election to the Supreme Court.

Justice Beasley has been a member of the North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys since 1995 and was a 2013 recipient of the Women of Justice Public Official Award given by North Carolina Lawyers Weekly and a 2013 recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award for Justice given by the Alliance of North Carolina Black Elected Officials and Advocates.

Justice Beasley has been a lecturer for Appellate Advocacy and Trial Advocacy Classes at North Carolina Central University School of Law and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law since 2009.

In addition to her numerous professional activities, Justice Beasley is active in The Women's Forum of North Carolina and serves on its Board of Directors. She is active with the Junior League of Raleigh and has previously served on the Fayetteville Zoning Commission and on the Fayetteville State University Advisory Council.

In gratitude for Justice Beasley's tireless work on behalf of North Carolina women attorneys, all the women of this state, and people in need in many places and walks of life, the North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys awards Justice Beasley the 2014 Gwyneth B. Davis Award.

LEAH M. BROKER

Leah M. Broker began the private practice of law in Asheville following her graduation from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law in 1992 initially working as an associate attorney focusing on workers' compensation, social security disability, SSI, Medicaid, personal injury, civil litigation, private and court-appointed state and federal criminal defense.

Since beginning her practice, Leah has maintained membership in numerous voluntary bar associations as well as been active in leadership roles within the legal profession and in the community. She served as President of the N.C. Association of Women Attorneys, was a board member and President of the Western Carolinians for Criminal Justice, was a board member of Pisgah Legal Services, and is a participant in the Mountain Area Volunteer Lawyer program at Pisgah Legal Services.

Leah has received the Soroptimist International of Asheville "A Woman of Distinction-Human Rights/Advancing the Status of Women", Runner-up Certificate of Recognition, April 1995, and the 28th Judicial Bar Pro Bono Service Award for service as Mountain Area Volunteer Lawyer for Pisgah Legal

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Her firm, Broker & Hamrick, PA, has been the firm recipient of the Outstanding Service Award from Pisgah Legal Services and the 28th Judicial District Bar, and nominee for the NCBA Smaller Law Firm Pro Bono Service Award (April 2010). Broker & Hamrick, PA also received the NCAWA Balanced Life Workplace Award, 2006, in the Small Firm category.

In gratitude for Leah's tireless work on behalf of North Carolina women attorneys, all the women of this state, and people in need in many places and walks of life, the North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys awards Leah Broker the 2014 Gwyneth B. Davis Award.

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