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**WASHINGTON LAWYERS' COMMITTEE TO HONOR  
JUDGES JOHN FERREN AND RICARDO URBINA AT  
2013 BRANTON AWARDS LUNCHEON**

The Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs will celebrate its 2013 Wiley A. Branton Awards Luncheon on Monday, June 10, 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. in the Grand Hyatt Washington Hotel, 1000 H Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001 (Metro Center).

Senior Judge John Ferren of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals; and Retired Judge Ricardo Urbina of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, will jointly receive the 2013 Wiley A. Branton Award. The award is presented annually to members of the legal community whose lifetime efforts on behalf of civil rights advocacy mirror the deep commitment to equal justice exemplified by legendary civil rights attorney Wiley A. Branton, Sr.

Other award recipients this year will include Dickstein Shapiro LLP Senior Counsel Sidney Dickstein; and DC Public Schools Chancellor Kaya Henderson, who will jointly receive the 2013 Vincent E. Reed Award. This award is given in the name of distinguished educator Dr. Vincent Reed for commitment and unique contributions to improving public education in the District of Columbia.

Bruce Hubbard, lead plaintiff in *Hubbard v. U.S. Postal Service*, a major class action brought by deaf postal workers after the anthrax scare in 2001, will receive the 2013 Alfred McKenzie Award. This award is named in honor of the former Tuskegee Airman and lead plaintiff in a successful class action brought by the Washington Lawyers' Committee challenging racial discrimination. The award recognizes Committee clients whose dedication and courage produced civil rights victories of particular significance.

In addition, a number of area law firms will be honored for their outstanding work with the Washington Lawyers' Committee over the past year.

The annual Branton Awards Luncheon is the Committee's primary event recognizing the outstanding achievements of individuals, clients and organizations that the Committee has worked closely with over many years. Approximately 1,000 people, including government officials and representatives from law firms, businesses, foundations, and other non-profit organizations participate in the annual event.

**About the Washington Lawyers' Committee:** [www.washlaw.org](http://www.washlaw.org)

Established in 1968 to provide pro bono legal services to address discrimination and entrenched poverty in the Washington community, the Washington Lawyers' Committee has since handled thousands of civil rights cases on behalf of individuals and groups.

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