



WCOG to Honor Open Government Advocates at Annual Breakfast September 22

Seattle—The Washington Coalition for Open Government is set to honor journalists and activists for outstanding furtherance of transparency during the annual Madison Andersen Awards Breakfast at the Washington Athletic Club on Friday, September 22nd.

WCOG Founding President and newspaper publisher, **the late Kris Passey**, will be honored posthumously with the 12th Annual **James Madison Award** for his lifetime work on transparency and open government. Kris' widow, Catherine, will accept the award, given to an individual or organization whose long-term commitment to the cause of open government has been demonstrated through exemplary words or deeds, on behalf of her late husband.

Seattle Attorney and long time WCOG board member, **William Crittenden**, will be presented the **James Andersen Award** for his service in furthering the work of the coalition. This award is given to an individual or organization that has done something extraordinary to advance the efforts of the Washington Coalition for Open Government. Bill Crittenden represents parties in litigation and appeals involving freedom of speech and access to public records and has represented WCOG and the League of Women Voters as amicus curiae in cases involving public records and voting rights. He has been a tireless worker and supporter of WCOG and we are pleased to present him with this well-deserved honor.

KING5 Investigative Reporter, **Susannah Frame**, will be honored with the **Kenneth F. Bunting Award**, presented to organizations or individuals for journalistic work that utilizes, advances, or educates about the state's Open Public Meetings Act/Public Records Act. We are proud to recognize this award-winning journalist for a body of work and her dedication to the public's right to know.

KING5 TV and the entire Investigative News Team will also be honored with a **Key Award**. This award is presented throughout the year to individuals or organizations who have contributed in a meaningful way to transparency in the state or their local community. KING5 and the Investigative team will be honored for their work on Waste on the Water and its ongoing Hanford series.