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Wyoming Legal Advocate Walter Eggers Receives Nomination for Extraordinary Service Award

Cheyenne, WY – The Wyoming legal community is honored to announce the nomination of Walter Eggers for the 2024 Burman Extraordinary Service Award. This honor recognizes individuals who have demonstrated a profound commitment to advancing access to justice, supporting civil legal aid, and providing exceptional services to the citizens of Wyoming. Walter's long-standing dedication to civil legal aid and his leadership in the legal community make him a deserving recipient of this prestigious honor.

Walter has been an integral part of Wyoming's civil legal aid landscape for more than a decade. Since 2011, he has served on the Board of Commissioners for Equal Justice Wyoming (EJW), playing a key role in the establishment of the state's first public funding for civil legal services. His work led to the creation of EJW, which supports six legal aid providers across Wyoming, including the Civil Legal Services Clinic at the University of Wyoming College of Law. In 2015, Walter also helped launch the Equal Justice Wyoming Foundation, where he served as Treasurer and President, and continues to serve as a dedicated board member.

In addition to his leadership roles, Walter has been deeply involved in providing direct legal services. He has represented clients through the Volunteer Lawyers Program, participated in legal clinics, and actively recruited other attorneys to engage in pro bono work. His efforts with the Wyoming Judicial Branch's Access to Justice (ATJ) Commission have been critical, particularly in advocating for federal funding for civil legal aid and chairing the ATJ 2.0 Court Navigator Subcommittee that established the Court Navigator Program, which assists self-represented litigants to help navigate the court system.

Walter remains committed to his various roles within the access to justice space. His nomination for the Burman Extraordinary Service Award reflects his tireless advocacy, leadership, and unwavering dedication to ensuring equal access to justice for all Wyoming citizens.

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