

Selected by the YVCC Alumni Association, Ms. Lis Wiehl is this year's recipient of the Yakima Valley Community College *Distinguished Alumnus Award*.

Ms. Wiehl attended Yakima Valley Community College studying politics, mass media and news writing. She received her undergraduate degree from Barnard College, and her Master of Arts in Literature from the University of Queensland. Following in the footsteps of her grandfather, Lloyd Wiehl, a prominent Washington state judge, and her father, Richard Wiehl, a Yakima attorney, Ms. Wiehl later studied law at Harvard Law School where she earned her Juris Doctor.

Following her education, Ms. Wiehl served as federal prosecutor in the United States Attorney's office from 1990 to 1995. From 1995 to 2001 she was a tenured law professor at the University of Washington School of Law in Seattle, where she ran the Trial Advocacy Program, and won the *Best Professor of the Year* award from the American Association of Trial Lawyers. She also served as a legal analyst for KIRO-TV (CBS) in Seattle, provided legal analysis for NBC News and was a commentator for National Public Radio's *All Things Considered*.

In 2001, Ms. Wiehl joined FOX News Channel (FNC) as a legal analyst and co-hosted *The Radio Factor* with Bill O'Reilly for seven years. Currently, she is a professor of Law at New York Law School and a regular columnist on FOXNews.com. She is also a guest host of WOR radio in New York.

Before her work in media, Ms. Wiehl held the position of Principal Deputy Chief Minority Investigative Counsel for the United States House of Representatives, Committee on Judiciary, during the Impeachment of President Clinton. She is also an accomplished author of both fiction and non-fiction books.

Ms. Wiehl's first novel, *Face of Betrayal*, was a *New York Times* best-seller and earned rave reviews in publications across the country and online. The book opened the Triple Threat series, novels about three crime-fighting women -- a federal prosecutor, an FBI agent and a broadcast journalist. In her second novel, *Hand of Fate* (April 2010), an outspoken talk radio host is murdered and the Triple Threat Club must investigate a list of suspects that seem to outnumber his millions of listeners.

She is also author of two non-fiction books: *Winning Every Time: How to Use the Skills of a Lawyer in the Trials of Your Life* and *The 51% Majority-How Women Still Are Not Equal and What You Can Do About It*, which won the 2007 "Books for A Better Life Award," sponsored by the National Multiple Sclerosis Association.

Ms. Wiehl was YVCC's Commencement Speaker in 2003. Her mother, Dr. Inga Wiehl, taught English for 34 years and received YVCC's *Emeritus Faculty Award* that same year. Ms. Wiehl is married to defense attorney and CBS *Early Show* analyst, Mickey Sherman, and has two children. She lives in Westchester, New York.

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