

**CANDIDATE COVER SHEET FOR KCBA JUDICIAL SCREENING**  
**Information Taken from Washington State Governor's Office**  
**Uniform Judicial Evaluation Questionnaire**

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Position Sought:

- King County Superior Court
- Washington State Court of Appeals, Div.I
- Washington State Supreme Court

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Position Sought, Name, Business Address, Business email  
Professional History: #8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,  
Educational Background: #16, 17  
Professional Experience: #18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32  
Community and Civic Activities: #33

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**Professional History**

8. Year admitted to practice law in Washington  
1982

9. Employment History (in reverse chronological order):

<b>Start Date:</b> 2004	<b>End Date:</b> currently employed
<b>Organization:</b>	King County Superior Court
<b>Address:</b>	516 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue Seattle, WA 98104
<b>Phone No.:</b>	(206) 296-9175 & (206) 296-9190
<b>Position/Title:</b>	Judge/Commissioner Pro Tem
<b>Supervisor:</b>	Presiding Judge/ Chief Juvenile Judge Hubbard & past Chief Patricia Clark
<b>Nature of Practice (including frequency of Court appearances):</b>	Work weekly providing coverage for King County Superior Court calendars: Juvenile Offender; Truancy, At Risk Youth, Children in Need of Services & Juvenile Dependency Calendars. VUCSA arraignments, bail hearings, review & acceptance of Superior Court pleas, sentencing of VUCSA felony and gross misdemeanor cases, and in custody SRA reviews. Felony investigation first and second appearance jail calendars.
<b>Reason for leaving:</b>	n/a

<b>Start Date:</b> 2004	<b>End Date:</b> currently employed
<b>Organization:</b>	King County District Court
<b>Address:</b>	516 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue, W-1034 Seattle, WA 98104
<b>Phone No.:</b>	(206) 296-0596
<b>Position/Title:</b>	Judge & Magistrate Pro Tem
<b>Supervisor:</b>	Presiding Judge Barbara Linde
<b>Nature of Practice (including frequency of Court appearances):</b>	Serve as a Judge or Magistrate Pro Tem in all District Court Divisions. Preside over all calendars including criminal, civil, small claims, ex-parte, mental health Court and civil anti- Harassment hearings, domestic violence calendars. Felony investigation and first and second appearance jail calendars.
<b>Reason for leaving:</b>	n/a

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<b>Start Date:</b> 2001	<b>End Date:</b> currently employed
<b>Organization:</b>	Seattle Municipal Court Seattle Justice Center, 600 5th Ave Seattle, WA 98124 Supervisor, Judge Jean Rietschel (206) 684-8709; Des Moines Municipal Court 21630 11th Ave S, Ste C Des Moines, WA 98198 Supervisor Judge Veronica Alicea-Galvan (206) 870-6590; Federal Way Municipal Court 33325 8th Ave S Federal Way, WA 98063; Supervisor Judge Michael Morgan (253) 835-3000; Auburn Municipal Court 21630 11th Ave S, Ste C340 E Main St, Ste 101 Auburn, WA 98002 Judge Patrick Burns (253) 931-3076; SeaTac Municipal Court 4800 S 188th St SeaTac, WA 98188 Supervisor Mary Pederson (206) 973-4610
<b>Address:</b>	see above
<b>Phone No.:</b>	see above
<b>Position/Title:</b>	Judge & Magistrate Pro tem
<b>Supervisor:</b>	see above
<b>Nature of Practice (including frequency of Court appearances):</b>	I have worked as a Judge & Magistrate pro tem in the Courts listed above, I spent 2001-2005 working 2-3 days per week in Seattle Municipal Court, during that time I have presided over 20-30 jury trials & 15-20 bench trials. I have heard motions regarding the constitutionality of the seat belt law, the tow statute and heard other legal motions on admissibility of evidence, including numerous arguments regarding the BAC. I have also sat in the jail Court, handling in custody calendars for arraignments, bail hearings, and probation reviews. I have presided over pretrial hearings, pleas and sentencings, continuances and case schedulings. I have been specially trained to preside over Domestic Violence and Mental Health Courts. In Auburn, Des Moines, Federal Way and Sea Tac Municipal Courts, I have worked similar calendars. In all Courts, I have done infractions including contested mitigation & pre-settlement conferences.
<b>Reason for leaving:</b>	n/a

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<b>Start Date:</b> 2001	<b>End Date:</b>
<b>Organization:</b>	Law Office of Ann Danieli, PLLC
<b>Address:</b>	3518 Fremont Avenue #299
<b>Phone No.:</b>	(206) 547-0737
<b>Position/Title:</b>	Judge & Magistrate Pro tem
<b>Supervisor:</b>	see above
<b>Nature of Practice (including frequency of Court appearances):</b>	Sole practitioner, criminal defense, traffic infractions, family law, personal injury. Also, I had a contract with the City of Mercer Island to provide public defense for 3 years.
<b>Reason for leaving:</b>	n/a

<b>Start Date:</b> 1983	<b>End Date:</b> 2001
<b>Organization:</b>	Associated Counsel for the Accused
<b>Address:</b>	110 Prefontaine Place South Suite 200 Seattle, WA 98014
<b>Phone No.:</b>	(206) 624-8105
<b>Position/Title:</b>	Attorney/Supervising Attorney
<b>Supervisor:</b>	Roy Howson & Dave Chapman (both retired)
<b>Nature of Practice (including frequency of Court appearances):</b>	Proudly served as a public defender for 18 years, representing indigent people accused of crimes ranging from suspended license to Murder 1st Degree. During my last twelve years at ACA. I supervised several units of attorneys and staff, including Juvenile Court, Seattle Municipal, King County District, and the Appellate Unit.
<b>Reason for leaving:</b>	Pursue private practice and work as a Judge Pro Tem.

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<b>Start Date:</b> 1983	<b>End Date:</b> 1984
<b>Organization:</b>	King County Prosecuting Attorney
<b>Address:</b>	516 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue Seattle, WA 98104
<b>Phone No.:</b>	(206) 296-9000
<b>Position/Title:</b>	Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
<b>Supervisor:</b>	Doug Whalley
<b>Nature of Practice (including frequency of Court appearances):</b>	Prosecuted DUI's & Domestic Violence cases in all the District Courts.
<b>Reason for leaving:</b>	Hired away by ACA

10. Please list all other Courts and jurisdictions in which you have been admitted to practice law and the dates of admission. Please provide the same information for administrative bodies having special admission requirements.  
 Washington 1982  
 Colorado 2001 Admitted to Practice but never sworn in
11. Please list all bar associations and professional societies of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any offices that you have held in such groups.  
 Washington State Bar Association: 1982 to present  
 King County Bar Association  
 Washington Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys — WPIC Committee member and served on the Court Funding Task Force.
12. Are you in good standing in every bar association of which you are a member?  
 Yes.
13. If you have ever been a judge, please identify any Court committees on which you have served or administrative positions you have held. Please state the dates of service for each.  
 None.

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14. Please list up to five of your most significant professional accomplishments. (If applicable, please provide the case and Court name and the citation if a case was reported (and copy of the opinion)).
1. Being selected as one of the first female supervisors at ACA. I was selected to lead, supervise and train new attorneys in a rapidly growing Seattle Municipal Court Unit. I took a unit that was unorganized & suffering from low morale and turned it around with training, support of lower caseloads and scheduled office time for the attorneys. Created an attorney resource center to help with work flow, education and organization.
  2. Re-organization of Seattle Municipal Court: analyzed and remedied Court congestion. When I first became a supervisor for the ACA Municipal Court Unit, the Court was running in total chaos. David Horsey was creating cartoons about the Court depicting it as a place where there was not room for "Justice." I became a part of a team of Judges, Prosecutors and attorneys who reorganized the scheduling and case flow for the Court. This reorganization created a master calendar system for Jury Trials and meaningful pretrial hearings to weed out the cases that could be resolved short of full fledged jury trials. The Court emerged as a system where the citizens of Seattle could be proud.
  3. For awhile, I was the only female supervisor at ACA. I worked hard to get women and minorities promoted and worked on creative ways to allow working mothers the opportunity to work part time and to job share. I pushed forward an agenda to include two working mothers to job share a management position so that we would have more diversity on the management team.
  4. During my time as a Judge Pro Tem in Seattle Municipal Court, I was rated by the attorneys who appeared in my Court. *King County Bar Judicial Evaluation Survey for District and Municipal Courts*. I was given high ratings across the board for Decision Making, Efficiency, Demeanor & Impartiality. Overall I was rated 42% excellent, 39% more than satisfactory, 15% satisfactory. I was rated higher than any of the elected Judges, Magistrates or Pro Tems who worked in that Court. In whatever Court I sit as a Pro Tem, I have always received positive feedback from Court staff and other Court participants. This has given me great pride.
  5. Serving as a Public Defender for 20 years. While I was in law school (many many years ago) I started working as a Rule 9 intern with the now defunct Eastside Defender Association. I represented real clients in real cases in real Courtrooms. It was a thrill and I found my life's work. I had gone to law school with the notion that I would practice "poverty law." I wanted to use my education to help people. The criminal Justice system gave me that opportunity. I have loved working in a diverse community of individuals who do their best to succeed and survive. It has not always been easy; it was hard work and long days but very rewarding.

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15. Please summarize up to eight of the most significant matters that you participated in as an advocate. Please include the dates of your participation and the reason each was significant to you. Please provide the citation if a case was reported. If you have been a judge, please include some cases that have been tried before you.

1. State v. Mills: I represented a 14 year old client charged with Murder 1, for planning the murder of a man who was molesting the young neighborhood boys. We won the decline hearing which kept the client in the Juvenile system saving him from adult prison. We lost the trial and he was sent to JRA and did well. I heard from his parents that he graduated from USC. It was rewarding to hear that through our hard work and through a system that rehabilitates, he was able to become a good citizen.

I hate to think of what would have happened to him if he went into the adult system.

2. State v. Slayton: This case was compelling factually, legally and professionally. Client was charged with raping a 94 year old woman after going to a mental health facility for help. He was turned away and went next door and committed the crime. The victim died before trial creating significant evidentiary issues. There were issues of competency, diminished capacity and insanity, It was resolved as a Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity with a commitment to Western State Hospital. I felt this was the best result for both my client and public safety.

3. State v. Campbell: I worked as a research assistant for the trial attorney on this capital murder case. Interesting legal issues with a difficult client, horrific facts and a high stakes trial.

4. I was sitting as commissioner on a dependency calendar in Juvenile Court and there was a motion for visitation by a biological father. He had just completed a prison sentence for a drug charge and wanted to have contact with his three children. He had one assault and two convictions on his record. He had not participated in any of the prior dependency hearings due to his incarceration. He is an African-American. The Attorney General wanted him to have no contact with his children because of his criminal history and his substance abuse problems. He had not seen his children for a long time. Statistically, minorities are over represented in the foster care community. Here was a father who was clearly motivated to change his life and have a role in the lives of his children. I structured a decision to give him a chance to re-establish his relationship with his children but also to protect the children. The goal was also to keep the father encouraged so that he would not give up hope of having a place in the lives of his children. I ordered counseling evaluations with the children to determine what their desires were and whether there was any detriment to their mental health & well being. I ordered weekly UA's for the father and required that he show written proof of his substance abuse treatment. If he was clean and doing well in his recovery and counselors determined that no harm would be done to the children, supervised visits could begin.

5. I had a fact finding in Juvenile Court where a young Chinese American was accused by her Korean American neighbor of assault 4. This was witnessed by a Cambodian American, a white male law student. The prosecutor was Latina American. There were no interpreters but English was a second language for everyone but me, the defense attorney and the law school witness. It was a true melting pot of American culture. It was a challenge to keep order in the Courtroom and to keep everyone speaking English and to help everyone to understand everyone else who had challenging accents.

6. When I was sitting as a Judge Pro Tem In Seattle Municipal Court, I was assigned to hear a case which was challenging the constitutionality of the "tow statute". This statute was a law which allowed the police the ability to "seize and impound" the cars of anyone arrested for driving with a suspended driver's license. It was a controversial law because of the disproportionate impact placed upon the poor who could potentially lose their cars because they could not pay a ticket. The motion had been continued several times to allow both sides time to adequately brief all the issues. Upon review of the ticket I discovered that the defendant had not committed the infraction! Case dismissed & the car returned. Sometimes the answers are simpler than we think.

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**Educational Background**

16. Please list all undergraduate and graduate (non-law school) colleges and universities attended, years of attendance, degree awarded and reason for leaving if no degree was awarded.

College/University	Dates of Attendance	Degree
University of California	1974-1978	B.A.

17. Please list all law schools attended, years of attendance, degree awarded and reason for leaving if no degree was awarded.

Law School	Dates of Attendance	Degree
Seattle University Law School	Fall 1979- Spring 1982	Juris Doctor

**Professional Experience**

18. Please summarize, briefly, the general nature of your current law practice.  
I am presently devoting all my time to serving as a Judge Pro Tem in several Courts in King County. I have had not taken on any private practice cases for over a year.
19. If you are in practice, please describe your typical clients and any areas of special emphasis within your practice.  
The focus of my law practice was criminal defense. For three years I also had a contract with the City of Mercer Island to provide public defense services. I handled some minor car accident, probate and family law cases.
20. If your present law practice is different from any previous practice, please describe the earlier practice, including the nature of your typical clients and any area of special emphasis within your practice.  
I was a public defender for 20 years.
21. Within the last 5 years, did you appear in trial Court:  
 Regularly                       Occasionally                       Infrequently
22. Within the last 5 years, did you prepare appellate briefs and appear before appellate Courts:  
 Regularly                       Occasionally                       Infrequently
23. Within the last five years, how often did you appear in the Court for which you are applying:  
 Regularly                       Occasionally                       Infrequently

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**24. Career Experience**

**(a) What percentage of your appearances in the last five years was in:**

(1)	Federal appellate Courts	0
(2)	Federal trial Courts	0
(3)	State appellate Courts	0
(4)	State trial Courts	50
(5)	Municipal Courts	25
(6)	District Courts	25
(7)	Administrative tribunals	0
(8)	Tribal Courts	0
(9)	Other	0
Total		100

**(b) What percentage of your practice in the last five years was:**

(1)	Civil litigation (excl. family law)	1
(2)	Criminal litigation	98
(3)	Family law litigation	1
(4)	Non-litigation	0
Total		100

**(c) What percentage of your trials in the last five years were:**

(1)	Jury trials	50
(2)	Non-jury trials	50
Total		100

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- (d) State the number of cases during your total career that you have tried to verdict or judgment (rather than settled) in the following Courts, and indicate for each Court the following percentages: trials in which you were sole counsel or chief counsel; jury trials; and trials where you were the arbiter/decision maker.

Number	Court	% as Sole / Chief Counsel	% Jury	% as the Arbiter
300	Municipal	99.9	80	20
100	State Dist.	100	80	10
100	State Superior	99.9	80	25
	Federal Dist.			
	Administrative			
	Tribal Courts			
	Other			

- (e) Briefly describe no more than five significant litigation matters that you directly handled as the sole counsel. For each, please provide the name and telephone number of opposing counsel, the name of the judge or other judicial officer, and the citation (if applicable).

1. State v. Stark: Sexual Exploitation of a Minor; DPA Anne Bremner (206) 623-9900 Judge Wartnik retired.(206) 232-2970.
2. State v. Mills: Murder 1 DPA Susan Roe 206-553-1077 Judge Heavey retired (206) 937-5088.
3. State v. Donny Dunn Murder 1: DPA Monica Benton 206-370-8900 Judge Gain (sentencing) (206) 296-9170.
4. State v. Bateman Rape of a Child 1: DPA Jeanette Dalton (360) 297-3053 Judge Agid (206) 464-6047.
5. State v. George Indecent Liberties DPA Dean Lum (206) 296-9295 Judge John Riley (retired). Attempts to locate retired Judge John Riley were unsuccessful.

- (f) State in detail your experience in adversary proceedings before administrative boards or commissions during the last five years.

None.

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25. Please briefly describe any legal non-litigation experience that you feel enhances your qualifications to serve as a judge.

I currently serve as a member of the Capital Hill Community Accountability Board. The key role of the CAB is to balance the needs of the victims, the community and the offenders by problem solving ways for the offenders to give back and learn from their experience and divert them away from Juvenile Court.

26. If you are now an officer or director of any business organization or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprises, please provide the following: the name of the enterprise, the nature of the business, the title of your position, the nature of your duties, and the term of your service. If you are appointed and do not intend to resign such position(s), please state this below along with your reasons for not resigning.

Sole owner/operator of my law practice which is currently inactive with no current clients or cases. Current Board member of my condominium association. If elected, I will officially close my practice. In regard to my condo board, I am scheduled to be off by the end of the year.

27. Please list all chairmanships of major committees in bar associations and professional societies and memberships on any committees that you have held and believe to be of particular significance.

I served as a member of the Court Funding Task Force.

I worked on revisions of criminal WPICs for the WPIC Committee.

### Judicial Interest and Experience

28. In 50 words or less, please describe why you should be appointed/elected and are seeking a judicial position.

I have 26 years of legal experience and 7 years of Judge Pro Tem experience. I have a well deserved reputation for sound legal judgment, Courtroom temperament and fair application of the law. I have made important contributions to my community through my involvement working with troubled youth, pro bono legal representation and work on committees combating Domestic Violence.

29. In 50 words or less, please describe your judicial philosophy.

An independent judiciary is critical to the balance of power in a democracy. Judges interpret the laws passed by the Legislature and provide oversight on executive power. Judges must ensure that the Courts are accessible to all, that people who come to the Courts understand the process and that all litigants are treated with dignity and respect.

30. Have you ever held a judicial office or have you ever been a candidate for such office?  
Yes.

If you answered "yes", please provide details, including the Courts involved, whether elected or appointed, and the periods of your service.

Yes. I am currently a candidate for the Superior Court Judge #53 race in August 2008.

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31. Have you ever held public office other than a judicial office, or have you ever been a candidate for such an office?

No.

32. Please briefly identify all of your experience as a neutral decision-maker (e.g. judge (permanent or pro tem) in any jurisdiction, administrative law judge, arbitrator, hearing officer, etc.). Give Courts, approximate dates, and attorneys who appeared before you.

I have been a pro tem Judge since 2001. My assignments have been weekly averaging about 150 days per year. As previously noted, I have approximately 1,000 days of experience as a judge, commissioner or magistrate pro tem. I worked for the past four years in Seattle Municipal Court and over the past four years for the King County Superior Court. I have had hundreds of attorneys appear before me. Since May of 2005, I have worked extensively in Juvenile Court on both criminal and civil calendars. I have regularly assisted the Chief Juvenile Judge (Clark and now Hubbard) in the presiding Court, & treatment Courts. In addition, I have worked covering the Fast Track Drug Court and plea and sentencing Courts at the RJC and downtown Courthouse.

**Community and Civic Activities**

33. Please list your community and civic activities, including dates and leadership roles held, over the last 10 years.

Tutor — The Youth Tutoring Program of Catholic Community Services Jackson Park. Worked with primarily Somali immigrant children K-12. I helped them with their homework and reading skills.

Board Member — Capital Hill & Central Area Community Accountability Boards

Volunteer Attorney — Voter Protection Project Presidential Election 2004