

**WASHINGTON STATE SUMMIT
ON
JUDICIAL SELECTION AND JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE**

Friday, November 11, 2005
Seattle University School of Law
Sullivan Hall
900 Broadway, Seattle, WA

Honorary Co-Chairs: Former Governor Gary Locke and Former Senator Slade Gorton

Moderator: Mary H. Wechsler, President, American Judicature Society, Washington Chapter

Agenda

8:00 **Registration and coffee**

8:25: **Introduction and Welcome**

8:30 **Keynote: Michael S. Greco, President, American Bar Association:
*American Bar Association's Position on State Judicial Selection Processes***

9:00 ***Judicial Selection in the U.S: What methods other states use to select judges;
Impact of Republican Party v. White***

Presenter: Mary McQueen, President, National Center for State Courts, and former
Administrator of the Washington Administrative Office of the Courts);
Prof. Joaquin Avila (Seattle University School of Law)

9:45 ***Judicial Selection in Washington State: Our state's system of selecting judges***

Presenters: Prof. David Brody (Washington State University)
Prof. Nick Lovrich (Washington State University)

10:30 **Break**

10:45 ***How Is The Public's Interest Best Served?***

Moderator: Rita Brogan (Chair, The Municipal League of King County)

Panelists: Kristopher Tefft (Association of Washington Business)
John McKay (U.S. Attorney, Western District of Washington)*
Hon. Richard Sanders (Washington Supreme Court)
Charles Wiggins (American Judicature Society)

* Mr. McKay's comments will reflect his own views only and not the views or positions of any Federal agency.

11:45 **Workshop Session I** *A working lunch (sponsored by Seattle University School of Law).*

Participants will choose two workshops when they register. Each workshop topic will be available for both break-out discussion periods.

- Campaign financing
- Statewide evaluation systems
- Appointment commission systems, retention elections
- Effective public education

12:30 Break

12:45 **Media Panel:** *How the media address judicial elections and educate the public on judicial independence*

Moderator: Ruth Walsh McIntyre (former chair, Walsh Commission)

Panel: Peter Callaghan (*The News Tribune*, Tacoma)
George Erb (*Puget Sound Business Journal*, Seattle)
Doug Floyd (*The Spokesman Review*, Spokane)
Lou Guzzo, (former columnist, *The Seattle Times* and
the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, Seattle)

1:30 **Workshop Session II** (same topics as above)

2:15 – **Wrap Up – Panel Reports on Workshop Sessions**

3:00 – **Reception – Wine and cheese sponsored by the American Judicature Society, Washington Chapter**

Workshop Leaders

Hon. William W. Baker
Hon. Ronald E. Cox
Hon. Mary Fairhurst
Hon. Faith Ireland (Ret.)
Seattle City Councilmember Nick Licata
Ms. Ruth Walsh McIntyre
Hon. Terence Lukens (Ret.)
Mr. Robert B. Mitchell
Representative Shay Schual-Berke
Hon. John A. Schultheis
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Mr. Anthony Butler
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Mr. Roger Wynne