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Fife Municipal Court Judge Kevin Ringus chosen to co-chair statewide judicial board

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Fife Municipal Court Judge Kevin G. Ringus has been appointed co-chair of the state Board for Judicial Administration (BJA), a representative body of judges that provides a voice for the courts and develops policies to enhance the administration of justice in Washington.

Ringus was appointed today by a vote of BJA members to serve as co-chair — also called “member chair” — from 2013 to 2015 alongside Washington Supreme Court Chief Justice Barbara Madsen.

The Board for Judicial Administration was established more than 20 years ago by the state Supreme Court and includes judges from all court levels in Washington — the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, superior courts, district and municipal courts — as well as the state Court Administrator (Callie Dietz) and members of the Washington State Bar Association. The Board meets monthly to address policy, administrative and legislative issues affecting Washington courts and to provide an effective voice for judges in improving the state’s court system.

The chief justice of the state Supreme Court is a permanent co-chair of the BJA, along with a judge appointed as co-chair or “member chair” from another court level who serves for two years.

Ringus has been presiding judge of Fife Municipal Court for 18 years, has served on the board of the District and Municipal Court Judges’ Association (DMCJA) and on several committees and workgroups for the DMCJA, and has served as a board member of the BJA and on several of its committees, including the Public Trust & Confidence Committee and the Regional Courts Workgroup.

“I am both honored and humbled to be chosen by my fellow BJA members as co-chair of this active and dedicated board,” Ringus said. “I believe it speaks well of our efforts as a judiciary to speak with one voice and of the BJA to select the first part-time municipal court judge to serve as co-chair. I look forward to helping guide these efforts for the next two years.”

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