

# Inslee names Tacoma man as appellate court judge

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Gov. Jay Inslee on Monday appointed Bradley A. Maxa, a partner and attorney with Tacoma law firm Gordon Thomas Honeywell, to the Court of Appeals, Division II.

Maxa, who has appeared before the appellate court during his 28 years with the firm in Tacoma, replaces retiring Judge Marywave Van Deren. She has served at the court since 2004.

Maxa's appointment begins Aug. 5.

"In addition to possessing all the skills that are essential to be an appellate judge, he is also highly respected by the community," Inslee said. "It is clear that Brad has a strong passion for the law, and I am confident that his years of litigation experience will prove to be an exceptional asset for the Court of Appeals."

Maxa has specialized in appellate advocacy, personal injury litigation and insurance coverage litigation.

He is on the board of directors of the Foundation for Washington State Courts and was president of the Washington Defense Trial Lawyers from 2001-2002.

"Brad is an excellent attorney, as well as a nice person, and he is universally respected throughout the legal community," said Lisa Worswick, chief judge for the Court of Appeals, Division II. "His years of experience and his dedication to the law will make him an excellent appellate judge."