



CITY OF SEATTLE

Magistrate Judge

SALARY:	\$44.71 - \$52.25 Hourly
LOCATION:	Seattle Justice Center, 610 5th Ave., Seattle, Washington
JOB TYPE:	Civil Service Exempt, Regular, Full-time
SHIFT:	Day
DEPARTMENT:	Municipal Court of Seattle
BARGAINING UNIT:	Not represented
CLOSING DATE	03/25/14 04:00 PM Pacific Time

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The Municipal Court of Seattle is one of the highest volume Courts of Limited Jurisdiction in the State. The Court has over 200 staff with a total of 13 Judicial Officers including seven Judges, and six Magistrates.

This is an opportunity to serve your community by considering appropriate sanctions for all violations of the law. These sanctions range from imposition of fines on traffic infractions to incarceration on criminal charges when assigned Municipal Court Judge duties in a pro tempore capacity. In this role you would directly interact with citizens and ensure that each person is afforded a full and fair hearing for their case.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Conduct hearings on red light traffic camera enforcement and parking ticket hearings and makes proposed settlements.
- Preside over infraction trials as an impartial arbiter between the City of Seattle and the defendant, ruling on the law applying to the facts presented and imposing financial sanctions based on case factors and defendant history.
- Preside over impound release hearings with individuals who have had their vehicles impounded.
- Determine if good cause exists to vacate a default judgment or quash a warrant issued
- Review correspondence from defendants wishing to mitigate infractions.
- Serve in formal court as a judge pro tempore when an elected judge is unavailable.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Doctor of Laws or Juris Doctorate degree
- Member of the Washington State Bar Association in good standing
- Licensed attorney having practiced law for at least five (5) years with substantial criminal experience
- To be considered, all applicants must fully complete the online application form, supplemental questions, and include a cover letter and resume (either pasted in the resume section or uploaded as attachments).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Desired Qualifications:

The Court seeks highly qualified candidates who possess judicial temperament and demeanor, which means one possesses diplomacy and objectivity in the fulfillment of all job duties; maintains decorum in a courtroom; fair and equitable administration of the law while provides good customer service; conducts court business in a manner that brings honor and respect to the organization; establishes and maintains effective working relationships with all levels of staff; and demonstrates willingness to promote and explain court programs through speaking engagements at community and school events.

Additional Information & Questions:

Job offers are contingent on the verification of credentials and other information required by the application process including the completion of a background check which includes criminal history.

The pay structure for the Magistrate position is currently under review, but at this time the pay range is \$44.71 to \$52.25 per hour.

For more information on the Seattle Municipal Court visit: www.seattle.gov/courts or contact the recruiter, Kristy Hulverson at 206-233-7201.

APPLICATIONS MAY BE FILED ONLINE AT:
Job #2014-00236

<http://www.seattle.gov/jobs>
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If you are unable to apply on-line you may submit a paper application by the closing date to our office.

OUR OFFICE IS LOCATED AT:
Seattle Municipal Tower
700 5th Avenue, Suite 5400
Seattle, WA 98104
206-684-8088
Careers@seattle.gov



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Magistrate Judge Supplemental Questionnaire

- * 1. Please select your highest level of education completed.
- High School Diploma/GED
 - Some College
 - Associates Degree
 - Bachelors Degree
 - Masters Degree
 - Doctor of Laws
 - Juris Doctorate
 - None of the above
- * 2. Are you a member of the Washington State Bar Association in good standing?
- Yes
 - No
- * 3. Are you a licensed attorney in Washington State?
- Yes
 - No
- * 4. How many years have you practiced criminal law?
- None
 - Less than 1 year
 - Between 1 year and 4 years
 - More than 5 years
- * 5. Have you appeared before the Seattle Municipal Court as an attorney, please indicate the approximate number of times:
- None
 - One time
 - Less than 5 times
 - Between 6 and 20 times
 - More 21 appearances
- * 6. Are you currently serving as a pro tempore judge?
- Yes
 - No
7. If you answered yes to the above, at which courts are you currently retained as a pro tempore judge?
- * 8. How many years total (current and past appointments) have you served in a judge pro tempore capacity?
- None
 - Less than 1 year
 - Between 1 year and 4 years
 - More than 5 years
9. If you have served as a pro tempore judge, what types of cases did you preside over?
- * 10. Discuss your views and experience using driver education programs as an alternative or adjunct to monetary penalties for traffic infractions and describe whether and when such programs may be appropriate for Seattle Municipal Court to consider.

* 11. As a judicial officer, how would you reconcile the expectations of the public regarding a particular category of violations (e.g. DUI) with the need to decide each case on its own facts?

* 12. What do you believe are the most significant challenges facing the criminal justice system in our community?

* 13. Share your opinion regarding whether and how specialty courts (community court, mental health court, domestic violence court, etc.) might help to address the challenges you describe in your response to last question, drawing on any experience you have and in practicing in or presiding over such courts.

* Required Question