

COURT TRAINING IS ESSENTIAL FOR NEW JUDGES AND COURT PERSONNEL

The Washington Judiciary is requesting \$207,000 in 2020 and \$550,000 in the next Biennium for a comprehensive online training system to ensure judicial officers and court personnel get timely access to the training needed to effectively serve the public.

PUBLIC TRUST AND CONFIDENCE

Funding for court training has remained the same for more than a decade, despite increasing needs. Well-trained judicial officers and court personnel foster confidence in the judicial process.

INFORMED RESPONSES

Timely training is critical to informed and effective responses to increasing numbers of self-represented litigants and cases involving mental health, domestic violence, and drug addiction in our communities.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACT

Proper training is essential to making sure the intent of the legislature is carried out in the cases that come through the courts. Last year alone the Legislature passed more than 130 bills that impacted the court system, including protection orders, family law and parentage, guardianship, mental health, public records, and juvenile justice. That was a significant increase from the 150 bills that were passed 2016–2018 that impacted the court system.

Justice is not administered by itself. It requires qualified and educated people.

THE FACTS



50 / 63%

Almost 50% of judicial officers and 63% of administrators received no training during their first six months on the job.

280

In the last four years, the legislature passed more than 280 bills that impact the court system; 130 passed in last session alone.

ONE THIRD

Nearly one third of the trial court judicial positions in Washington turned over in the last few years. The Court of Appeals is not far behind.

