



## Supreme Court

9 JUSTICES ELECTED TO SIX-YEAR TERMS

- Appeals from the Court of Appeals.
- Direct appeals when action of state officers is involved, the constitutionality of a statute is questioned, there are conflicting statutes or rules of law, or when the issue is of broad public interest.
- Final rule making body for other state courts.
- Administers state court system.
- Supervises attorney discipline statewide.



## Court of Appeals

22 JUDGES ELECTED TO SIX-YEAR TERMS  
(DIVISION I: SEATTLE (10 JUDGES);  
DIVISION II: TACOMA (7 JUDGES);  
DIVISION III: SPOKANE (5 JUDGES))

- Appeals from the lower courts except those in jurisdiction of the Supreme Court.
- Direct review of certain administrative agency decisions.
- Original jurisdiction over Personal Restraint Petitions



## Superior Courts

201 JUDGES ELECTED TO FOUR-YEAR TERMS  
IN 32 JUDICIAL DISTRICTS, EACH COMPOSED  
OF ONE OR MORE COUNTIES

### ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

- Civil actions involving more than \$100,000.
- Title or possession of real property; legality of a tax, assessment or toll; probate and domestic matters.
- Criminal cases amounting to felony.
- Criminal cases when jurisdiction is not otherwise provided for by law.
- All juvenile matters.
- Orders for protection from domestic violence.
- Appeals from the courts of limited jurisdiction heard *de novo* or appealed on the record for error of law.

### CONCURRENT JURISDICTION WITH COURTS OF LIMITED JURISDICTION

- Civil actions involving \$100,000 or less.



## Courts of Limited Jurisdiction

231 JUDGES; 204 ATTORNEYS AND 1 NON-ATTORNEY  
(119 DISTRICT COURT JUDGES, 86 MUNICIPAL COURT  
JUDGES, 14 MUNICIPAL COURT MAGISTRATES, 16  
PART-TIME MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES, 14 DISTRICT  
COURT COMMISSIONERS)

### ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

- Small claims up to \$10,000.
- All matters involving traffic, non-traffic, and parking infractions.
- Certain civil anti-harassment matters.
- Preliminary hearings of felonies.
- Temporary and full Ex Parte Orders for protection from domestic violence.
- Orders for change of names in non-domestic violence cases.

### CONCURRENT JURISDICTION WITH SUPERIOR COURTS

- Civil actions involving \$100,000 or less.
- Misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor actions with maximum fine of \$5,000 or less and/or jail sentence of 364 days or less in violation of state law, county, or municipal ordinance violations.