



Court Commissioner - Dependency (Term-Limited Temporary)

DEPARTMENT: KCSC - Superior Court
SALARY: \$193,011.00 - \$193,011.00 Annually
LOCATION: Multiple locations in King County
JOB TYPE: Term Limited Temporary, Full Time, 35 hrs/wk
CLOSING DATE: 01/02/23 11:59 PM

SUMMARY:

King County Superior Court is recruiting for a current opening for Court Commissioner – Dependency. **This is a full-time Term-Limited Temporary position. The duration of this appointment is anticipated to be through December 31, 2023.**

This position includes presiding over matters in accordance with RCW 2.24.040 and RCW 26.12.060, including Dependency/FTC/ARY/CHINS and Truancy, Dependency and Termination cases as defined in RCW Chapter 13.34.

This position is exempt from the overtime provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act and is not overtime-eligible. This position is at-will and serves at the pleasure of the court.

Who May Apply: This position is open to attorneys licensed to practice in Washington State.

Work Schedule: The court's business hours are 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Monday through Friday. This position may require work outside of and in addition to these hours.

Work Location: This position may serve in any of the King County Superior Court facilities: King County Courthouse - 516 3rd Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104; Clark Children and Family Justice Center- 1211 East Alder Street, Seattle, WA 98122; Maleng Regional Justice Center - 401 4th Avenue N., Kent, WA 98032.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS REQUIRED: Please include a resume, a letter of interest describing how you meet or exceed the requirements for this position and a writing sample (maximum of two pages).

You must also complete and attach the following:

- **Confirmation of Citizenship form, per RCW 2.24.010**
- **WSBA Release**
- **Criminal Records Background Check form**

Electronic versions of these documents may be found at the link below, under "Work for Superior Court":

<https://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court/get-help/general-information.aspx>

If you are unable to access these documents electronically, you may obtain them by calling King County Superior Court Human Resources at (206) 477-1536.

These materials are supplemental to your application. You must still completely fill out the application with your relevant education and work experience. Your application may be rejected as incomplete if you include relevant information only on the resume or cover letter, or if you reference "see resume" on your application.

Please note that you can attach multiple documents to your application. You may:

- 1) Copy and paste one or more documents into the text resume section of your application, **OR**
- 2) Attach multiple documents/files in the attachment section of your application.

JOB DUTIES:

In accordance with RCW 2.24.040 and RCW 26.12.060 the Term-Limited Temporary Dependency/FTC/ARY/CHINS and Truancy Commissioner's duties include presiding over matters pertaining to Dependency and Termination cases as defined in RCW Chapter 13.34; and performing other related duties as assigned by the Presiding Judge or Dependency Lead Judge, when a sitting judicial officer is unavailable. These duties include, but are not limited to:

- Efficiently and effectively conduct shelter care hearings and determine shelter care.
- Address and incorporate requirements and procedures of state and federal Indian Child Welfare Act.
- Determine safe and appropriate placement of children, visitation, and services for families.
- Conduct Review and Permanency Plan Hearings, making findings of compliance and progress regarding parents of children in dependency, Extended Foster Care, and Legally Free status.
- Issuance of Restraining Orders under RCW Chapter 26.44.
- Review and authorize warrants and pick-up orders.
- Review and rule upon procedural and substantive motions.
- Issuance of Agreed Dependency Orders and Termination of Parental Rights based on Publication.
- Conduct Disposition hearings.

- Conduct hearings regarding Special Immigrant Juvenile Status and Vulnerable Youth Guardianships.
- Conduct court proceedings remotely utilizing the Zoom videoconferencing application.
- Participate in staffing and conduct hearings and proceedings in Family Treatment Court.
- Efficiently and effectively preside over At-Risk Youth and Child in Need of Services hearings and fact-findings.

EXPERIENCE, QUALIFICATIONS, KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS:

Applicants must have a minimum of five years of experience in the area of dependency under RCW Title 13, as is familiarity with King County Juvenile Court rules, policies, and practices. For attorneys currently practicing dependency with caseloads at or above 25% of their practice, applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis to address potential issues with conflicts, appearance of fairness, and records access. Familiarity with RCW Chapter 13.32A (ARY/CHINS) and/or truancy under RCW 28A.225.090, as well as offender work, is desirable.

Applicants must meet the requirements of RCW 2.24.010. Membership in good standing with the Washington State Bar Association, with no history of discipline by the Washington State Bar Association, is required. Must be able to use a personal computer, Microsoft Office programs, and the Zoom videoconferencing application.

Knowledge of the judicial system, including dependency law in RCW Chapter 13.34 and King County local rules, statutes, legal principles and case precedents, court procedures, King County Superior Court protocols and King County Superior Court calendaring practices is required.

The ability to objectively identify, analyze and interpret legal issues, principles and arguments; direct and control courtroom proceedings in a decisive, orderly, equitable and trauma-informed manner is required. A successful candidate will be able to communicate orally and in writing in a concise, professional, and effective manner, exercise appropriate judicial temperament and demeanor, and effectively handle pressure in difficult and unexpected situations by responding in a calm, trauma informed and rational manner.

The ability to effectively manage a high-volume court calendar within appropriate time frames, including the requisite reading and preparation, is required. Knowledge and experience with therapeutic court models and practice, as well as recovery frameworks within the child welfare system is preferred but not required.

The ability to proficiently use court-based technology programs, including KC Script, KCMS, ShareFile, and E-Filing is required

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Necessary special requirements: The ability to reliably travel throughout the county is required. Finalists are subject to the Washington State Patrol criminal background check and a reference check. Criminal background records are not automatically disqualifying.

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As of December 6, 2021, King County Superior Court employees are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Your response to questions regarding your vaccination status will be reviewed as part of Superior Court's hiring process.

Selection process: Application materials will be screened for qualifications and offers will be made to the most competitive candidates.

Union membership: This position is at-will and is not represented by a union.

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APPLICATIONS MAY BE FILED ONLINE AT:
<http://www.kingcounty.gov/>

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