



## King County

Invites Applications for the Position of:

### Court Commissioner

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**OPENING DATE/TIME:** 12/04/17 12:00 AM (GMT -8:00)

**CLOSING DATE/TIME:** 02/19/18 11:59 PM (GMT -8:00)

**SALARY:** \$160,728.00 - \$160,728.00 Annually

**LOCATION:** Multiple locations in King County

**JOB TYPE:** Regular, Full time, 35 hrs/week

**DIVISION:** King County Superior Court

**JOB NUMBER:** 2017-07582

**SUMMARY:**

**Please Note: Family Law experience requirements have been revised and application deadline has been extended.**

King County Superior Court is recruiting for two Court Commissioner positions: A current opening for Family Law Commissioner and an anticipated opening for Ex Parte Commissioner. Candidates may apply for either or both positions. Qualified candidates may be placed on an eligibility list for future recruitments.

Commissioners fill a variety of statutory and constitutional responsibilities and preside over the Ex Parte, Probate, Family Law, Juvenile Court dependency and offender, Involuntary Treatment Act and Criminal Plea calendars as assigned by the Presiding Judge. They may be designated to sit as judges pro tempore from time to time.

- **Family Law** Commissioners' duties, in accordance with RCW 2.24.040, RCW 26.12.060, RCW 28A.225.095, and RCW 13.04.021, include, but are not limited to, presiding over

matters pertaining to Family and/or Juvenile Law and Civil Commitments. Family Law Commissioners hear matters involving self-represented persons as well as persons who are represented; all aspects of dependency and termination proceedings as defined in RCW 13.34, and perform other related duties as assigned by the Presiding Judge.

- **Ex Parte** Commissioners' duties, in accordance with RCW 2.24.040, and Article IV Section 23 of the Washington State Constitution, include, but are not limited to, presiding over guardianships, trust and probate matters. Ex Parte Commissioners hear matters involving both self-represented persons as well as persons who are represented, and perform other related duties as assigned by the Presiding Judge.

These positions are exempt from the Fair Labor Standards Act and are not overtime-eligible. These positions are at-will and serve at the pleasure of the court.

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

**Work Schedule:** The hours of work may vary but are typically between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the courthouse, with additional reading required outside of regular court hours.

**Work Location:** These positions may serve in any of the King County Superior Court facilities: King County Courthouse - 516 3rd Ave, Seattle WA 98104; Juvenile Court - 1211 E. Alder, Seattle, WA 98122; Maleng Regional Justice Center, 401 4th Ave. N., Kent, WA 98032; Involuntary Treatment Act Court, 908 Jefferson St., Seattle, WA 98104

***ADDITIONAL MATERIALS REQUIRED: Please include a resume and cover letter describing how you meet or exceed the requirements for this position. The following additional documents are required:***

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

**These required documents may be obtained 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. Your options are:***

***1) Copy and paste one or more documents into the text resume section of your application.***

***2) Attach multiple documents/files in the attachment section.***

**JOB DUTIES:****Family****Law****Commissioners:**

Family Law Commissioners hear family law matters, including but not limited to the following issues:

- The determination or modification of parenting plans
- Determination of parentage
- Child custody, including non-parental custody
- Visitation
- Support
- Distribution of property or obligations
- Restraining orders
- Domestic Violence Protection Orders
- Dissolutions of marriage
- Legal separations
- Other matters as assigned by the Presiding Judge

**Ex Parte Commissioners**

Ex Parte Commissioners hear matters in the Ex Parte Department, including but not limited to the following issues:

- Guardianship
- Trusts
- Probate
- Trust and Estate Dispute Resolution (TEDRA) matters
- Commercial and residential unlawful detainers
- Civil Temporary Restraining Orders
- Receivership and foreclosure
- Debt collection
- Temporary custody/restraining orders in Family Law matters
- Temporary Domestic Violence, Anti-Harassment, Anti-Stalking and Sexual Assault Protection Orders
- Adoption of children and adults and other orders relating to adoption petitions
- Ex Parte and uncontested civil matters of any nature, subject to local rule
- Family Law matters under RCW 26.09, including dissolutions of marriage and legal separations for uncontested cases
- Other matters as assigned by the Presiding Judge

**EXPERIENCE, QUALIFICATIONS, KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS:****Required****Experience,****Qualifications****and****Knowledge:**

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. Applicants should have at least five years of recent experience in the relevant area of law. Must be able to use personal computer and Microsoft Office programs.

Knowledge of the judicial system, including applicable law 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 and equitable manner, communicate orally and in writing in a concise and effective manner, exercise appropriate judicial temperament and demeanor, and effectively handle pressure in difficult and unexpected situations by responding in a calm and rational manner, is required. The ability to effectively manage a high volume court calendar, including the requisite reading and preparation, is required. The ability to proficiently use court based technology programs, including ECR and SCOMIS, is required.

**Family Law Commissioner:** At least 50% of the applicant's current practice and a minimum of five years of recent experience should be in the area of family law under RCW Title 26, or a related field. Familiarity with King County Family Law rules and practice is required.

**Ex Parte Commissioner:** At least 50% of the applicant's current practice and five years of recent experience must be in the areas of Guardianships, Trusts, Estates, TEDRA, or General Civil law. Knowledge of Family Law, Protection Orders or Unlawful Detainer actions preferred.

#### **SUPPLEMENTAL**

#### **INFORMATION:**

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** Finalists must have successfully passed a criminal background check and reference check.

If you have questions regarding this position, please call King County Superior Court Human Resources at (206) 477-1536

**Note: Online applications are preferred. However, if you cannot apply online, go to [www.kingcounty.gov/jobs](http://www.kingcounty.gov/jobs) for other options.**

**If you need an accommodation in the recruitment process or an alternate format of this announcement, please inquire directly with the contact listed on the job announcement or the department's Human Resources Service Delivery Manager.**

## Court Commissioner Supplemental Questionnaire

- \* 1. This application requires the following documents: 1) Resume 2) Cover Letter 3) WSBA release 4) Criminal Background release 5) Confirmation of Citizenship. Please contact Superior Court Human Resources at (206) 477-1536 for WSBA release, Criminal Background Release and Confirmation of Citizenship forms. If you do not include these forms your application will be considered incomplete. Have you included these forms?  
☐Yes   ☐No
- \* 2. Are you a member in good standing of the Washington State Bar Association?  
☐Yes   ☐No
- \* 3. For which position(s) do you wish to be considered?  
☐ Family Law Commissioner  
☐ Ex Parte Commissioner  
☐ Both
- \* 4. For how many years have you practiced Family Law? If none, please enter "none."
- \* 5. What percentage of your practice in the last five years involves Family Law under RCW 26.09? If none, please enter "none."
- \* 6. State the number of Family Law cases in which you have been chief counsel in state Superior Court in the last five years. You may estimate the number of cases by giving a range of values, e.g. "between 10 and 20."
- \* 7. For Ex Parte Commissioner applicants: For how many years have you practiced law in the areas of Guardianships, Trusts, Estates, or general Civil? If none, please enter "none." If you do not wish to be considered for the Ex Parte Commissioner position you may enter "N/A."
- \* 8. For Ex Parte Commissioner applicants: What percentage of your current practice involves Guardianships, Trusts, Estates or General Civil law? If none, please enter "none." If you do not wish to be considered for the Ex Parte Commissioner position you may enter "N/A."
- \* 9. For Ex Parte Commissioner applicants: What percentage of your practice in the last five years has involved Guardianships, Trusts, Estates or General Civil law? If none, please enter "none." If you do not wish to be considered for the Ex Parte Commissioner position you may enter "N/A."
- \* 10. For Ex Parte Commissioner applicants: State the number of Guardianship, Trust, Estate or General Civil cases in which you have been chief counsel in state Superior Court in the last five years. You may estimate the number of cases by giving a range of values, e.g. "between 10 and 20." If none, please enter "none." If you do not wish to be considered for the Ex Parte Commissioner position you may enter "N/A."
- \* 11. Identify all your experience as a neutral decision maker, e.g. judge (permanent or pro-tem), Court Commissioner (permanent or pro-tem), administrative law judge, arbitrator, hearing officer, etc. If none, please enter "none."

- \* 12. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by, or is any investigation currently pending before any court, administrative agency, bar association, disciplinary committee or other professional group?  
☐Yes   ☐No
- \* 13. If you answered "Yes" to Question 12 above, please give the particulars, including resolution. If you answered "No," please enter "N/A."
- \* 14. Has a client ever made a claim or filed suit against you for malpractice or any other cause?  
☐Yes   ☐No
- \* 15. If you answered "Yes" to Question 14 above, please give the particulars. If you answered "No," please enter "N/A."
- \* 16. If you have ever sat as a judge, have you ever received any form of discipline by the Judicial Conduct Commission?  
☐Yes   ☐No
- \* 17. If you answered "Yes" to Question 16 above, please give the particulars. If you answered "No," please enter "N/A."
- \* 18. Have you ever been adjudged guilty of a crime (excluding minor traffic offenses)?  
☐Yes   ☐No
- \* 19. If you answered "Yes" to Question 18 above, please give the particulars. If you answered "No," please enter "N/A."
- \* 20. Identify three matters which you personally handled and which you personally found significant and briefly summarize the nature of each case. Please state why you found the matters significant. Describe the nature and date of your participation. Provide the case name and case number or, if reported, the case citation. Please provide the names and contact information for other counsel and judicial officers involved in these matters. If you have been a judge, include some cases that have been tried before you.
- \* 21. List the names, phone numbers and email addresses of opposing counsel and judicial officers for your last five trials, fact-finding hearings, or contested motions.
- \* 22. If you have been a judge or otherwise served as a neutral decision maker, list the names, phone numbers and email addresses of the attorneys who appeared before you in your last five significantly contested matters. If you have not served in this capacity, please enter "N/A."
- \* 23. If you served as a mediator or facilitator of dispute resolution, list the names, phone numbers and email addresses of the attorneys who appeared before you in the last five cases. If you have not served in this capacity, please enter "N/A."
- \* 24. List the names, phone numbers and email addresses of three non-attorney references whose opinions or observations would assist the committee in its evaluation of you.

\* 25. Please list the names and contact information for three attorney and three judicial officer references.

\* Required Question