



ENCOURAGE UNDERSTANDING

Judges are an invaluable source of knowledge about the court system and the role of the judiciary in our democracy.

Washington judges welcome the opportunity to speak to your group or organization.



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REQUEST FORM

Name (Primary Contact)

Organization

Date of Event

Event Location

Speaking Topic

Phone

Email

SUBMIT FORM TO:

Invite a judge
to speak to
your group or
organization

JUDICIAL SPEAKERS BUREAU





THE PROGRAM

Help support efforts to educate the public about the judicial system and invite a judge to speak to your group or organization.

Communication between the courts system and the community provides an opportunity to:

- Address concerns
- Explain legal rights
- Increase understanding
- Explore issues

Judges are available to speak without charge to a wide variety of groups or organizations, including service clubs and community groups.

Judges also speak in schools. Learn more about Judges in the Classroom at www.courts.wa.gov/education.



REQUEST A JUDGE

- 1 Determine the date and location of your event. Judicial schedules can be very busy. It is recommended that you submit your request at least one month in advance of the event.
- 2 Fill out the form on the back panel and submit it to the contact listed. A judge will be assigned to your event based on location, availability, and presentation topic.
- 3 Contact the judge to discuss expectations for the speaking engagement. Provide details to the judge to help them understand the context of the event and to whom they will be speaking.



TOPICS FOR PRESENTATION

Choose from one of the following topics, or suggest one of your own that is more specific to your event.

- **Courts 101**
Learn about how the Washington Courts System works.
- **Jury Summons**
Find out what to expect when you're called to serve.
- **Therapeutic Courts**
Discover more about therapeutic courts, including drug, mental health, and family courts.
- **A Day in the Life**
Find out what it's like to be a judge.
- **The Judicial Branch**
Learn how the third branch of government operates.
- **Access to Justice**
Determine your rights in regard to justice.

Please keep in mind, judges and court officials cannot give legal advice or address issues involving pending cases.