

Washington State Supreme Court Gender and Justice Commission

2021 Gender Justice Study Authors

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Kelley Amburgey-Richardson is the Senior Court Program Analyst to the Gender and Justice Commission. Prior to joining the Administrative Office of the Courts in 2017, she was the statewide PREA Program Coordinator for the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs, and served as an appointed member of the Gender and Justice Commission. Ms. Amburgey-Richardson started her career as a legal aid attorney in Oregon, representing primarily immigrant survivors of domestic and sexual violence in family and employment matters.

Judge Joseph Campagna

Joe Campagna is the Presiding Judge of the West Division of the King County District Court. Prior to taking the bench in 2019, Judge Campagna worked in private practice representing criminal defendants and personal injury plaintiffs in courts throughout the region. Judge Campagna has a particular interest in therapeutic courts and prisoner re-entry initiatives.

Kristi Cruz, JD

Kristi Cruz is a staff attorney at the Northwest Justice Project. Ms. Cruz was a co-reporter for the American Bar Association's Standards for Language Access in Courts project, which created national standards for the effective delivery of interpreter and translation services in courts, and she is involved in state and national efforts to reduce language barriers for limited English proficiency (LEP) and Deaf individuals as they access education, healthcare, legal, and governmental services.

Laurie Dawson

Laurie Dawson was born and raised in Thailand. In 2012, after experiencing the incarceration of a close friend in Washington State, Laurie became actively involved in learning about restorative practices and the implementation of the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners (Bangkok Rules). She is a member of the Local Family Council at

the Washington Corrections Center for Women (WCCW), the Kitsap County Community Partnership for Transition Solutions, Washington State Coalition for Children of Incarcerated Parents, and she is active with other Washington State based coalitions focused on criminal justice reform. She is also a volunteer with the Kitsap Dispute Resolution Center.

Judge Rebecca Glasgow

Judge Rebecca Glasgow joined the Court of Appeals in 2019. Before joining the court, she was a Deputy Solicitor General in the Washington Attorney General's Office and she is a past statewide president of Washington Women Lawyers and a member of the Gender and Justice Commission

Katrina Goering, BSW, MPH

Katrina Goering (she/her) is a Public Health and Social Work professional with over a decade of experience working in direct social service, prevention, and advocacy efforts with diverse populations in urban and rural settings. She currently works with migrant and seasonal farmworkers in Northwestern Washington. Her area of expertise is in community-led research and programming aimed at reducing health disparities and advancing health equity efforts affecting rural and underrepresented immigrant/migrant communities. She has worked in the non-profit and government sectors. She earned her Bachelor of Social Work from Eastern Mennonite University and her Master of Public Health from the Community Oriented Public Health Practice Program at the University of Washington.

Chief Justice Steven C. González

Chief Justice Steven C. González was appointed to the Washington Supreme Court effective January 1, 2012. Before joining the Supreme Court, he served for ten years as a trial judge on the King County Superior Court hearing criminal, civil, juvenile, and family law cases. Chief Justice González is passionate about providing open access to the justice system for all and was previously appointed to the Washington State Access to Justice Board that was established in response to a growing need to coordinate access to justice efforts across the state. He also served as Chair to the Supreme Court's Interpreter Commission for eight years, supporting efforts to enhance language access across our state, including most recently amendments to general rules that address remote interpreting as courts responded to the COVID-19 pandemic and established protocols for team interpreting.

Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud

Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud was elected to the Washington Supreme Court in 2012 after a career of helping clients fight for their constitutional and individual rights. As a Justice, she serves as a Chair of the Gender and Justice Commission, as a member of the Supreme Court's Rules Committee, and as the liaison to the Supreme Court's Pattern Instructions Committee (on which she previously served as a lawyer-member). She is also on the Washington State Bar Association's Council on Public Defense. She speaks regularly at legal and community events throughout the state on topics ranging from ethics to criminal justice. Justice Gordon McCloud brought a wealth of appellate experience with her; she handled hundreds of cases before the Washington Supreme Court and other appellate courts before she became a judge. She also taught at the Seattle University School of Law and has published several articles. Her legal expertise was recognized by her peers before she joined the bench. For example, she received the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers' highest award, the William O. Douglas Award, for "extraordinary courage" in the practice of law. Her commitment to justice is still recognized by her peers now that she has a track record of work as a Justice. In 2015, Washington Women Lawyers King County Chapter honored her with its President's Award. In 2018, the Cardoza Society of Washington State presented her with its L'Dor V'Dor Award.

Kelly Harris, JD

Kelly Harris is a career prosecutor, serving as a Senior King County Prosecuting Attorney and Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Washington in his 26-year career. He is currently, Chief of the Criminal Division for the Seattle City Attorney's Office. Additionally, Kelly is an Adjunct Professor with Seattle University Law School, teaching Professional Responsibility & Ethics and a first of its kind Criminal Justice Reform seminar.

Elizabeth Hendren, JD

Elizabeth Hendren is a staff attorney at Northwest Justice Project. In 2012, she created the Reentry Initiated through Services and Education (RISE) Project, which provides comprehensive civil legal services to currently and formerly incarcerated mothers to facilitate family reunification. Elizabeth also serves on the Gender and Justice Commission, where she chairs the Incarceration, Gender & Justice Committee.

Diego Rondón Ichikawa, JD

Diego Rondón Ichikawa is an attorney at Vreeland Law where he represents individuals in the areas of sexual abuse, employment, and civil rights. He currently serves on the Latina/o Bar Association of Washington board, and is a former law clerk to the Honorable Debra L. Stephens of the Washington Supreme Court.

Laura Jones, JD

Laura Jones currently works as a Project Coordinator for the Gender and Justice Commission, staffing projects related to domestic and sexual violence. Since completing a law school internship at a legal clinic in Managua, Nicaragua, Laura has focused her career on gender-based violence issues, including managing King County Sexual Assault Resource Center's CourtWatch program and coordinating legislative work groups related to domestic violence. Laura has also volunteered with the King County Bar Association's Neighborhood Legal Clinics, and participated in its Family Law Mentor Program.

Sharese Jones, MA

Sharese Jones began her career with the Washington State Department of Corrections (DOC) in 2002, beginning in the prison as a Correctional Officer and Classification Counselor. Then moving into Community Corrections, she worked as a Community Corrections Officer and Sex Offender Treatment Provider. In 2019 she took on the role of Gender Responsive Manager where she managed the Gender Responsivity in DOC for two years. She is now utilizing her education and experience to work in the mental health unit at Washington Corrections Center in Shelton as a Psychology Associate. She is doing Mental Health Evaluations and providing grief and/or crisis counseling to the incarcerated individuals. She earned a Bachelor's Degree from Evergreen in 2006 and a Master's Degree from Saint Martin's University in 2016.

Judge David Keenan

Judge David Keenan is the Superior Court Judges' Association Liaison to the Legal Financial Obligations Consortium and was part of a Washington delegation to the National Conference of State Legislatures Fines and Fees Policy Learning Consortium. Judge Keenan currently serves on the Access to Justice Board, previously served as board president at Northwest Justice Project, and has personal experience with poverty and the juvenile criminal legal system.

Shannon Kilpatrick, JD

Shannon Kilpatrick is a civil appellate lawyer with a solo practice in the Seattle area. She has spent most of her career representing people injured, killed, or mistreated by the negligence or misconduct of others, including large corporations and local and state governments. She began her career as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Debra Stephens on the Washington Supreme Court.

Stephanie Larson

Stephanie Larson will graduate from Pitzer College in 2023 with a major in Political Studies, a concentration in U.S. Politics, and a minor in English & World Literature. She is planning to pursue a career in law and is passionate about using law as a tool to combat systemic biases within the criminal justice system.

Robert Lichtenberg, JD

Robert Lichtenberg serves as Senior Court Program Analyst for the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) and staffs the Supreme Court Interpreter Commission. He oversees spoken language interpreter testing and training, coordinates the policy-making efforts of the Interpreter Commission, and provides training and resource assistance to court personnel statewide on interpreter matters. Before joining AOC, he served as Assistant Director of the Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, an agency in the Department of Social and Health Services, where he was responsible for program coordination and staff supervision of several program activities covering social and telecommunications services. Mr. Lichtenberg is a graduate of University of Washington School of Law and of Lewis and Clark College, where he majored in Economics. He also has a post-graduate certificate in Rehabilitation Management from San Diego State University.

Judge Barbara Mack (ret.)

Judge Barbara Mack (ret.) served ten years as a King County Superior Court Judge. She convened and chaired the King County Task Force on Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) for its first five years. She serves on the board of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court

Judges, and has trained judicial officers and others nationwide on issues related to human trafficking.

Judge Maureen McKee

Maureen McKee has been a King County Superior Court judge since her appointment on August 13, 2018. Prior to joining the bench, Maureen worked at The Defender Association, a division of the King County Department of Public Defense, for almost 16 years. During this period, Maureen was a staff attorney, supervisor for the Investigation and Misdemeanor Units, and the Interim Managing Attorney. Maureen received her B.A. degree in Black Studies from Oberlin College and received her law degree from Cornell Law School. Prior to law school, Maureen was a VISTA Volunteer in Chicago, IL, and a job developer with the National Institute for People with Disabilities in New York, NY. During law school, Maureen received the opportunity to serve displaced persons at the American Refugee Committee in Mostar, Bosnia and incarcerated mothers at Legal Services for Prisoners with Children in San Francisco, CA.

Robert Mead, JD, MLS

Robert Mead is the State Law Librarian for Washington State. Prior to this position he was the Deputy Chief Public Defender for New Mexico. He is co-author of the treatise *Advising the Elderly Client*. His career path has alternated between law librarianship and public interest law including public defense, elder law, and disability rights.

Claire Mocha, MPH

Claire Mocha is a public health professional with experience in social science research and community engagement, both locally and internationally. She received her masters of public health in Community-Oriented Public Health Practice at University of Washington in 2020.

Joanne Moore, JD

Joanne Moore was director of the Washington State Office of Public Defense until she retired in December of 2020. Her entire 40-year career was spent working for justice reform, including 22 years at the Office of Public Defense.

Sophia O’Hara

Sophia O’Hara will graduate from University of California, Santa Barbara in 2022 with a Sociology B.A. and minor in History. She is passionate about sexual health, reproductive justice, and gender equity. She coordinates a human sexuality course at UCSB, conducts policy analysis for Students for Reproductive Justice and Students Against Sexual Assault, and previously worked at the Seattle Public Health HIV/STD department. She plans to pursue a career in public health and policy in hopes of ensuring all people have access to inclusive, accurate, and resourced sex education.

Shelby Peasley, JD

Shelby Peasley graduated from University of Washington with a BA in Political Science and received her JD from Washington & Lee University School of Law. She previously externed for the Chambers of Washington Supreme Court Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud. Shelby now lives and works as an attorney in Atlanta, GA with her cat Eleanor.

Dr. Dana Raigrodski, LLB, SJD

Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Washington School of Law, Dana Raigrodski practiced law for the Israeli Defense Forces Military Advocate General Staff Command, serving as a military prosecutor and legal counselor. Dr. Raigrodski serves as an appointed member of the Gender and Justice Commission and is Co-Chair of the Gender Justice Study. As a scholar and advocate she focuses on human trafficking, migration and globalization, criminal procedure and jurisprudence, and feminist and critical race theories.

Judge Judith H. Ramseyer

Judge Judith H. Ramseyer was elected to the King County Superior Court in 2012. Before joining the court, she practiced complex civil litigation and championed the rights of women and the disenfranchised. Judge Ramseyer chaired the task force that administered a state-wide survey and published the first Glass Ceiling report, assisted by the Gender and Justice Commission: 2001 Self-Audit for Gender and Racial Equity in Washington. She was Chief King County Juvenile Court Judge and is Immediate-Past President of the Superior Court Judges' Association.

Jennifer Ritchie, JD

Jennifer Ritchie is a Senior Deputy Prosecutor with the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. She has been with the Prosecuting Attorney's Office for 27 years, and currently serves as the Unit Chair of the Sexually Violent Predator Unit. Ms. Ritchie was first appointed to the Gender and Justice Commission in 2016 as the first person to fill the new permanent Washington Women Lawyers membership seat. She now serves as an attorney member of the Commission.

Sierra Rotakhina, MPH

Sierra Rotakhina is the Project Manager for the 2021 Gender Justice Study. She is a public health practitioner and researcher. Sierra earned her Masters in Public Health from the University of Washington Community Oriented Public Health Practice program. Sierra has focused her career on promoting equity in policies, programs, and procedures through evidence-based policy-making, the use of equity analysis tools, community engagement, and research.

Judge Jacqueline Shea-Brown

Judge Jacqueline Shea-Brown has served on the Benton & Franklin Counties Superior Court for almost six years. She is a member of the Gender and Justice Commission, a co-chair of the Commission's Domestic & Sexual Violence Committee and a co-chair of the Commission's E2SHB 1320 Working Group. She is the chair of the Washington State Superior Court Judges' Association (SCJA) Judicial Assistance Services Program (JASP) Committee and a member of the SCJA Equality and Fairness Committee.

Julie Tergliafera, MPH

Julie Tergliafera contracted as a Research Analyst for the Gender and Justice Commission's Gender Justice Study. Julie earned her Masters in Public Health from the University of Washington Community Oriented Public Health Practice program. Julie brought a public health and equity lens and extensive research experience to the study.

Constance van Winkle, JD

Constance van Winkle started interpreting American Sign Language (ASL) around age three for an older deaf sibling. She spent many years working as a Certified ASL Interpreter and recently completed her JD in public interest law.

Ophelia S. Vidal, MPH

Ophelia S. Vidal contracted as a Research Analyst for the Gender and Justice Commission's Gender Justice Study. She brought her diverse background as a paralegal, health educator, and case worker to the forefront of her research and analyses. She currently serves the people of Oregon through her role as a Chronic Disease Policy Specialist at the Oregon Health Authority.

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Andrea Vitalich is a senior deputy prosecutor for King County in the Sexually Violent Predator Unit, where she handles both trials and appeals. She also co-chairs the Conviction Integrity Committee, which investigates claims of innocence by previously-convicted defendants.

David Ward, JD

David Ward is an attorney and former member of the Gender and Justice Commission. He previously served as a staff attorney at Legal Voice in Seattle, where his areas of responsibility included family law, gender-based violence, and LGBTQ+ civil rights issues.

Mary Welch, JD

Mary Welch is a Statewide Advocacy Counsel for family law, sexual harassment and human trafficking at the Northwest Justice Project (NJP). Ms. Welch began her legal career working for NJP in the farmworker unit in Pasco. In 2000 she began working for Columbia Legal Services as a farmworker advocate and managing attorney of the Tri-Cities office. Ms. Welch returned to NJP in 2005 in the Bellingham office where she worked on domestic violence, employment, and consumer issues until she became advocacy counsel in 2018.

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Marla Zink is a partner in Luminata, PLLC where she practices as a criminal defense attorney handling appointed and private direct appeals and other post-conviction matters in both the federal and state systems. Her work prior to Luminata includes nearly a decade with the Washington Appellate Project and serving as a law clerk to the Honorable Robert Beezer on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.