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# SCBA Calendar of Events

## March

6th SCBA AUCTION  
 9th Young Lawyers Section Meeting  
 15th Deadline SCBA Newsletter  
 15th Family Law Section Meeting  
 18th SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting  
 26th **CLE: Crimes Against Children**  
 Lisa Paul  
 30th Auction Committee Meeting

## April

6th Young Lawyers Section Meeting  
 15th Deadline SCBA Newsletter  
 15th SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting  
 19th Family Law Section Meeting  
 23rd **CLE Family Court Investigations**  
 Writ Habeas Corpus  
 27th Auction Committee Meeting

## May

11th Young Lawyers Section Meeting  
 17th Deadline SCBA Newsletter  
 17th Family Law Section Meeting  
 20th SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting  
 21st **SCBA CLE**  
 25th Auction Committee Meeting

## June

8th Young Lawyers Section Meeting  
 15th Deadline SCBA Newsletter  
 17th SCBA Board of Trustees meeting  
 21st Family Law Section Meeting  
 23rd **SCBA CLE**  
 25th Auction Committee Meeting

## July

13th Young Lawyers Section Meeting  
 15th Deadline SCBA Newsletter  
 15th SCBA Board of Trustees meeting  
 19th Family Law Section Meeting  
 23rd **SCBA CLE**  
 27th Auction Committee Meeting

## August

13th Young Lawyers Section Meeting  
 15th Deadline SCBA Newsletter  
 15th No SCBA Trustees meeting  
 19th Family Law Section Meeting  
 23rd **No SCBA CLE**  
 27th Auction Committee Meeting

# Superior Court Assignments

**Presiding Judge:** ..... Judge Thomas J. Wynne

**Trial Calendar Call and Motions to Continue Trial:** ..... Judge Thomas J. Wynne, Dept. 7

**Juvenile Court:** ..... Judges Knight and Cowsert;  
 ..... Commissioner Bedle

**Civil Motions:** ..... Judge Thorpe: March 1 - March 5  
 ..... Judge Farrus: March 8 - March 19  
 ..... Judge Allendoerfer: March 22 - March 31

**Criminal Hearings:** ..... Judge Farris: March 1 - March 5  
 ..... Judge Thorpe: March 8 - March 19  
 ..... Judge McKeeman: March 22 - March 31

**Criminal Dept. Judges:<sup>2</sup>** ..... Judges Thorpe, Allendoerfer, McKeeman, Wynne, Hulbert, Farris, French, and Fair

**Civil Dept. Judges:<sup>2</sup>** ..... Judges Castleberry, Krese, Dwyer and Bowden

**Ex Parte/Commissioner Civil Motions:<sup>1</sup>** ..... Commissioner Waggoner

**Family Law Calendars:<sup>1</sup>** ..... Commissioners Stewart and Brudvik

\* All assignments are subject to change without notice and assignments may not change on the first day of the month.

- 1 Court Commissioner assignments are for six months duration and change in early January and July.
- 2 At the discretion of the Presiding Judge, criminal cases may be assigned to Civil Department Judges and civil cases may be assigned to Criminal Department Judges.



**FROM THE DESK OF  
THE PRESIDENT,  
RUTH WESTBROOK**

I frequently get comments concerning the stress and frustration that must accompany working on an almost daily basis in Juvenile Court. While I admit that doing Dependency, ARY, CHINS and truancy work carries with it a great deal of frustration, it also has great rewards. There is nothing like realizing that you have made the difference in a child's life. Let me explain.

As I was walking into the Bar Association General Meeting, I met one of my clients from Juvenile Court. She and I had started out on a somewhat stormy track, but had eventually worked out our differences. I like to think that she came to realize that I had her best interest at heart.

I asked her what she was doing at the Everett Transit Station on a Friday, during the day. I was concerned, as I had seen several Everett police officers putting a young man into a patrol car. She told me that the young man was a friend of hers and had missed his Juvenile Drug Court hearing the previous Friday. There had been a warrant issued for his arrest. She was trying to talk him into

turning himself in and resolving the pending legal issues.

She stated that she did not have school on Fridays and her legal issues were nearly behind her. The ARY had been dismissed and the only thing remaining was her truancy. This would be resolved shortly, as she was making excellent progress in her alternative school.

I told her that I was very proud of her. She wrapped her arms around me and gave me a hug and told me that she had not wanted to disappoint me. She stated that she was now planning on attending college and was looking into several schools. January 30 was an emotional day for me to begin with. I had just assumed the position as your Bar President and my mother was present to watch this happen. This, accompanied with my client's disclosures served to heighten the excitement of the day for me.

There is nothing like making the difference in a child's life. Whether this comes as a Guardian Ad Litem, in Juvenile Court or in Family Court. Making a difference is why I became a lawyer and why many of my colleagues also became lawyers. This sets the tone for my year as President. I am unofficially declaring this year Snohomish County's Year of the Child. I would encourage those of you who occasionally, as we all do, wonder why we are doing this, to remember my conversation with my client, and like conversations you have had with your clients. Set out this year to make a difference in a child's life. There is no feeling that is greater.



**SCBA  
Family  
Law  
Section**

It's exciting that Snohomish County now has an official Section of our local bar for Family Law. To become a member, you must be a member of the Snohomish County Bar Association, and pay \$30 annual Section dues. Payment of the dues entitles you to CLE credit for attendance at the 12 one-hour CLEs on the third Monday of each month at noon. This is a terrific bargain. Normally a single CLE credit costs about \$25-30. Family Law Section membership provides you the opportunity for 12 CLE credits for only \$30. The noon CLEs have been attracting about 20-25 attendees, and there usually are good questions and conversation about

local practice points and local war stories.

There are about 30 Family Law members already. We have a goal of 60 members, to make our budget work. The budget consists of the expense in putting on the CLEs (WSBA registration and participant reporting, mailing flyers, etc.). Send in your \$30 to attn. Joyce Wood, Snohomish County Bar Association, P.O. Box 5429, Everett, WA 98206-5429. Or show up at the next CLE.

Our initial Family section board members for 2004 are those who have served on the "ad hoc family law section committee" for the last couple of months: Honorable Tracy Waggoner, Marie Turk (Deputy Prosecutor), Threesa Milligan (Legal Services), Lee Tinney (Chair, Everett), Ann Johnson (South county), Linda Passey (North County).

We are developing our CLE program list for 2004, and we welcome input as to desired topics and volunteer speakers. We're also toying with the idea of a regular column in the Newsletter, any volunteers? Contact Lee Tinney at (425) 339-3319 or [lee@leetinneylaw.com](mailto:lee@leetinneylaw.com).



**SCBA  
Young  
Lawyer  
Division**

The general meeting for the Snohomish County Young Lawyers Division was held on Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month.

At the meeting, the Board of Trustees announced its nominations for President, President-elect, Secretary, and Liaison to the Snohomish County Bar Association. Christopher Bell was named President, Roberta Madow President-elect, Karin Young Secretary, and Laura Kruse Liaison. The Board also announced that the YLD would be supporting Amy Allison in her application to become a member of WSBA YLD Board of Trustee as the District Representative of Snohomish County.

A number of committees were formed to help the YLD begin to make an impact in the community. The Student Member Committee focusing on attracting talented young lawyers to Snohomish County will be headed by Amy Allison (UW), Samuel Marx (UO), Kari Petrasek (SU), and Laura Kruse (GU). Julie Rattray will be heading the committee charged with creating pro bono opportunities for young lawyers in Snohomish County. Dan Johnson will head the Snohomish County Bar News Young Lawyer tip of the month. Brice Howard will head the committee looking into opportunities for Young Lawyers to reach out to local high school students and help to demystify the legal process and profession. Samuel Marx will head the committee creating a packet for newly sworn in Snohomish County young lawyers. The packet will provide young lawyers information on such topics as how to navigate around the downtown core, the Snohomish County Courthouse, and general pointers for making young lawyers successful in Snohomish County.

Thanks to Julie Rattray for leading the committee in charge of donating a gift basket filled with children's books for the Snohomish County Bar Association Auction. Thank you to all those who contributed to the basket and helped make the auction a success.

Anyone interested in getting involved in the YLD, please contact Christopher Bell at [Cbell@bellingham.com](mailto:Cbell@bellingham.com)

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**THE LAWYER'S ROAD  
REVIEW  
PETE PATTERSON**

**I-5 Blues**

Does it ever occur to you that the people you see driving next to you might be completely whacked? I tend to drive along side people with bumper stickers that talk about praying a lot, and avoid the ones with NRA somewhere in the message. But mostly I enjoy the scenery.

Distasteful lawn ornaments are no longer within view of I-5, and it is all now new development, more overpasses, and ostensibly homeless persons begging at the exits.

For years my daughter has eagerly looked out the passenger window as we traveled between 128<sup>th</sup> and 164<sup>th</sup> Street exits. The main attraction: The horrid cement sombrero someone erected in their yard as a lawn ornament. It is a landmark to look for and know you are getting closer to home. We made up stories about the people that lived there, immigrants from Mexico, missing home, and wanting a bird bath at the same time. Little did our brethren from the south understand this vessel would collect rainwater, some kind of green growth, and be a culture for mosquitoes.

We had petitioned to have the cement sombrero placed on the National Registry of Horrid Lawn Art but we were edged out by the ubiquitous lawn elves, plastic deer, and pink flamingos. It could not be saved. At 164<sup>th</sup> a field day for lawyers who know how to sue over negligent highway design has taken root. One hundred yards of some structure right in the middle of the freeway pairs the traffic in two, but not nicely. Hundreds of wasted cones litter the sides of I-5, blown away by persons who apparently do not read the road signs about "divided highway" and truckers who do not understand the phrase "trucks use right lane".

Apparently the idea was that everyone with a license to drive is at least as intelligent as the engineers who design and execute the construction of bridges. If that were true we could close the district courts. The Everett Herald reports that 40% of

truckers failed to move right, undermining that approach to the project. *But the divider remains. Go ahead, sue I-5.*

And what to make of the people waiting at the stoplights that adorn each off ramp? They all have a story, scribbled on a regulation 2 X 3 piece of cardboard. Some are homeless, some have families, many fought in Viet Nam or the Gulf, and all are jobless. I made some quick calculations and recognized that a dollar gifted at each off ramp each day would quickly bankrupt me. Instead I started referring these people to Snohomish County Legal Services, but that was not welcomed. So I gave up and started riding my bike to work.


And a good thing too. Gone are the heydays of the early 1970's when popping on the freeway meant getting somewhere fast. At best these days I-5 is a good place to listen to the radio and check out other cars because the average driver spends a lot of free time creeping, and not being "free" as the name implies. There are times when riding my bike is faster. I am not making this up.

I-5 needs a mission statement, a theme song, or perhaps a mini-series. I-5 needs some artist to embrace it and make it more than a ribbon of cement, broken cars and broken dreams. Right now the freeway is not free. At a minimum, it needs the sombrero back.

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## Snohomish County Law Library



### View from the Director's Chair

The last time you heard from me in this column was September 2003. It is now January 2004. The law library is located in its new home, but it has not reopened. Those of you who are frequently in the courthouse have probably heard bits and pieces about the relocation of the law library. The following is a somewhat abbreviated tale of the behind-the-scenes action since the law library officially closed its doors on December 15, 2003.

My intention is to give you a broad view what has been going on for the last seven weeks and why, the library has yet to re-open.

After closing the law library in mid-December some of my time was spent shifting books from one place (mainly the two storage closets in the Mission Building) to another place (the main room of the old law library). Once certain sets of books were shifted most of my time was spent packing books. With the able assistance of residents from the Snohomish County Jail I was able to pack up most of the collection that had to be moved to the new space. My best guess is that 300+ boxes were packed with books. I personally packed more than half of them.

In addition to books, the "office" had to be packed. While boxing books is pretty straight forward boxing up an office is not. The library had quite an accumulation of old files and records. All of these could not be summarily tossed. I looked through everything contained in the filing cabinets to determine what was saved and what was trashed.

A portion of my time was also spent coordinating with the donation and removal of books with groups willing to come in, pack them up and take them away. There were books that had to be picked up for disposal, and still more books that had to be shifted to the storage closets in the Mission Building. It is time consuming and tiresome work. I was on my feet nearly all day, every day during this part of the move. My hands took a beating from pulling books from shelves. The joints in my fingers enlarged and stiffened leaving me unable to do any of the knitting, needlework or beading that I so love at home in the evenings to relax.

Moving a library, any library, even a small one is not an easy job. Despite the outside observation that it is only a matter of packing, unpacking and shelving books this is an over simplification that could only come from mouths of ignorance.

Even though the law library was officially closed for patrons, other things continue, such as mail and paying invoices on time. I picked up the mail every day although it was unopened and not checked in (it was packed up like everything else). After Christmas I put together vouchers for the Library Board to sign in order to pay the Dept. of Revenue, Labor & Industries, the copier lease payment and insurance invoices. These invoices were all due in January 2004. I had to do this before facilities came to dismantle the counter/desk and DIS came to dismantle the PCs. I am happy to report the bills got paid on time and the library carried over no substantial amount of unpaid 2003 invoices into the New Year.

You may recall that the move date for the library changed several times. When the library finally moved it occurred over three days (January 12-14th).

The quite noticeable delay in re-opening the law library is due to the fact that the law library moved into a space that was not quite finished. There was no power. The lights and ceiling were only partially finished (tiles were not in place and lights were still being installed). There were no phones (not just the actual phones, but no lines ready for phone connections). There was no window in the office wall (so I can see who comes into the library). The windows along the north wall were still covered in plastic. There were problems with entrance not meeting ADA standards. The original desk/counter from the old space had been broken up into its component parts, but I basically had no place to work because the desk section for my office was not installed. Although the shelving was up the remaining floor space was filled 300+ boxes of books, all of the furniture from the old space, including the copier and all of the computer equipment. There was very little open floor space or room to maneuver.

The next day, Thursday, I worked a half a day putting old RCWs, WACs, WSRs and other books in the closets in the Mission Building. On Friday I came in late, hoping my desk was installed. It was not. No phone, no PC.

Friday and the following week I confabbed with Al, Lynn, Duane, Michael, Daren and others working with Snohomish County Facilities and

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Mortenson about the remaining work needed in the law library. The most vexing problems were with electrical power, telephone and data lines. The courthouse is an old building and re-wiring for new technology is hellish. This was further exacerbated by the fact that three out of the four walls are concrete, so drilling was required in the concrete floor to the basement for some voice and data lines. And lines had to be dropped from the ceiling to power the south wall where the PCs and copier are located. (As I write this the wiring in my office for voice and data and at the assistant's desk is temporary. Preparations have been made for it to become permanent). Sometimes I was not my usual scintillating self during these discussions and these folks all deserve kudos for putting up with me.

The remainder of January I adjusted my schedule around the contractors and facilities workers. A small space further cramped by stacked boxes, tables, chairs, etc. was not conducive to my competing interest of unpacking and shelving books. Work had to be done in the ceiling and the floor. I came in late in the mornings so as not to be in their way, especially while they were getting my office into a functioning work space. This actually was advantageous to me since I had no vacation last year and shorter days gave me a change to unwind from the frenzy of the move.

By the time you read this column I hope to have the library accessible for attorneys. Westlaw is up and running. The RCWs, WACs, Washington cases and Washington Practice are available online. The copier is working and I expect to get all attorney account numbers keyed into it. (Attorney account invoices will be going out soon). Seating space will be extremely limited until I start unpacking (which will have begun by the time you read this). I have changed my voice mail greeting so people calling in will know they can leave messages and I can try to help those I can with what I have available.

I would like to encourage everyone to take a trip to Seattle, to the University of Washington to visit the Gallagher Law Library at Gates Hall. I went to a LLOPS meeting held there (they were working on data and voice lines that day) and I fell in love with it. It lifted my spirits too because around this time it seemed like the library space here was never going to get done. It seemed that every day some new little problem popped up. I came back from that meeting and tour refreshed. It was inspirational.

I do thank you all for your patience during this move and closure. Everyone that I have spoken with has been quite supportive and understanding during this project. And many have discovered and expressed how much they miss the law library. I look forward to seeing you. We are on the first floor, last door on the right.

## **Mark Your Calendar Now !**

### **Annual Bar Auction**

**Saturday, March 6, 2004**

**Howard Johnson Hotel**

**“Bid It Again Sam”**

**No host social hour and silent auction, 4:30 to 6:30 pm**



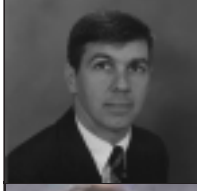




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**Live auction 7:00 pm**

**RSVP by February 29, 2004**

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# 2004 SCBA Judicial Poll

Candidates	Rating: Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unknown (Must Rate Everyone)	Rank (Rank only three (3) Candidates)	
	<b>Cheryl Lynn Beyer</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<b>1st</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>2nd</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>3rd</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Peter Camp</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<b>1st</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>2nd</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>3rd</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Douglas Fair</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<b>1st</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>2nd</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>3rd</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Beth Frasier</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<b>1st</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>2nd</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>3rd</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Jeffrey Goodwin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<b>1st</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>2nd</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>3rd</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Michael Hall</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<b>1st</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>2nd</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>3rd</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>V.C. "Skip" Moyers, Jr.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<b>1st</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>2nd</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>3rd</b> <input type="checkbox"/>

# Meet the Candidates



**Cheryl Lynn Beyer**

I am requesting your support for the position of the vacant District Court Judgeship. My qualifications and first hand experience as an attorney and as judge pro tem equips me with a broad base of knowledge and expertise. I have extensive experience in all facets of District Court practice. I have criminal prosecution and defense expertise, government and private clients, civil, bankruptcy and municipal law experience. This foundation, coupled with an ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with many diverse individuals, would allow me to provide excellent service to the dual judicial and administrative roles of this position and the unified District Court system.

I grew up in the District, attended local schools and have chosen to raise my family here. Being a long time registered voter in the District is important to me. My membership in the Washington State Bar Association has been in good standing since 1987 and there are no complaints listed against me.

My experience including prosecution and municipal work for multiple east Snohomish County cities for the last 12 years, in concert with private practice experience for over 16 years, provided the opportunity to develop hands on legal skills. Additionally, since 1993, I have gained pro tem experience in Snohomish County District and Municipal courts. Many District and Municipal Court Judges and Administrators have expressed confidence in my abilities by allowing me to serve on their pro tem lists.

I strive to be knowledgeable, discerning, reasonable, fair, compassionate, and just. I believe I possess the wisdom and knowledge gained from life experience, and a comprehensive legal career, to create sustainable solutions and to be an excellent District Court Judge. I thank you for your support. Your confidence will not be misplaced.

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**Peter Camp**

I would like to serve you and your clients on the South District Court with efficient court operations, courteous service, and well-reasoned and timely decisions. After 23 years of private and government practice, I understand your needs as hard working lawyers and your clients' needs. As an arbitrator and pro tem, I make decisions clearly and promptly. Budgets are tight, and I will work diligently and cooperatively with the County on the Court's budget needs. I understand business processes, operations and computer systems, so I will work hard to make court operations be as user friendly and efficient as possible.

Community and professional service are very important to me. I will continue to reach out to the community, and would actively and visibly represent the court system to the public and schools. As a member of the state Jury Reform Commission, I drafted juror rule changes adopted by the Supreme Court, and helped explain the Commission's recommendations to the District Court judges.

I work with mayors, city council members, and police chiefs from all over the County on the Snohomish County Emergency Radio System. I work pro bono on the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit appeals panel and for Snohomish County Legal Services. I help on bar committees, such as the Snohomish County Bar Association's auction committee. I have also taught many legal seminars on such diverse topics as evidence and computer law.

I have been an active member of the south County community for over fourteen years. I am a Boy Scout Troop Committee chair, treasurer of my daughter's fast-pitch softball team, and am active in my church and Leadership Snohomish County. I would like to continue the tradition of an outstanding South District bench. Thank you for listening and your support.



**Douglas Fair**

After graduating from the University of Oregon School of Law in 1985 I clerked for the Honorable John E. Rutter, Jr. in Snohomish County Superior Court. I was then hired as a deputy prosecutor and worked there for nine years. Since 1995 I have worked as a judge *pro tem* and have presided over thousands of civil and criminal cases throughout this county in superior, district and municipal courts. Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace and the University of Washington-Bothell have all appointed me as their hearing examiner.

Work is only part of the story. Seth Dawson taught me the importance of community. Here is what I have done with that lesson: nine years as SCBA trustee and served as president in 1998, chair -WSBA Bar Leaders Conference, served on the Long Range Planning Committee, Citizens for Schools, Edmonds Community College Foundation Board, chair- Madrona K-8 parent-teacher organization, and School Board Director for the Edmonds School District.

What else have I learned? Respect is earned, not given to you because you put on a black robe. Common courtesy should be accorded to all who come before you. Each case, no matter how big or small, is important to the person standing in front of you. If you do not listen, you will not hear. Hard work and service to the community reward you ten-fold.

In my courtroom you will be treated with dignity and courtesy, your case will be carefully considered and I will work hard to reach the best result based on the law and facts presented to me. You may not always agree with my rulings but you will know that I listened to your case and your arguments. I would consider it a privilege to serve as your district court judge. I hope you agree. Thank you.



**Beth  
Fraser-Cullen**

I have spent the last 16 years working in the Snohomish County legal community. I was a staff attorney at the Snohomish County Public Defender Association (PDA) from 1988 to 2001, with a heavy emphasis on District Court practice. I have a great deal of experience managing large caseloads, both criminal and civil. I have District Court *pro tem* experience. From 2001 to the present I have been the Attorney Administrator for the Snohomish County Office of Public Defense (OPD). I supervise a staff of 6 people, continue to make court appearances 3 days per week, and negotiate the indigent defense contracts with PDA and conflict counsel. Since 1988 when I first entered the courtroom, I knew that District Court was where I wanted to be. My 13 years with a non-profit law firm, my 3 years as a government attorney administrator and 8 years with my husband, a solo civil practitioner, have highlighted the challenges facing attorneys including long calendars, demanding clients and scheduling conflicts. As attorneys, we spend an important part of our work life in court. It should be a positive experience. I intend to provide a forum where all

parties are accorded respect and cases are fairly and fully heard.

I also appreciate the many administrative responsibilities a judge faces. As Attorney Administrator at OPD I propose, defend and implement a multi-million dollar budget, and work daily with all the Snohomish County law and justice departments. This blend of legal experience, managerial duties, and administrative background has uniquely prepared me to meet this challenge.

I hope you will evaluate my depth of experience and dedication to Snohomish County law and justice and find me to be an excellent choice for the newest Snohomish County District Court judge.



**Jeffrey Goodwin**

Thank you for the opportunity to request your support to serve as District Court Judge. In my 13 years of courtroom experience, I have served as a prosecutor and a criminal defense attorney. I've worked as private defense counsel representing clients in felony and misdemeanor matters and served as a juvenile court and district court public defender.

As a former WSTLA member, I have represented clients in personal injury matters, domestic relations cases and general civil litigation. My firm currently represents seven Snohomish County cities providing a blend of prosecution and city attorney services. I regularly serve as Judge Pro Tem in South Division of our District Court and have done so for the past several years.

I will take with me to the bench my diverse legal experience. I understand what it means to represent a client and I understand the responsibilities of a prosecutor. I understand civil litigation and the challenges of a District Court civil case. I have much to learn about being a judge, but I won't forget what it

means to be a lawyer.

I strive to maintain balance between my work and family. Diane and I have been married for 15 years. We live in Edmonds and have two boys. Diane is a teacher and we are both active in the schools. I serve as the chair of the Site Council and on the PTSA chairing the DARE committee.

One of the highest compliments that one lawyer can pay to another is to place in that person the trust and the honor to serve as a judge. I hope that I have earned your respect and your trust and that you will endorse me to serve as a judge in the South Division of the District Court.



**Michael Hall**

As a 15 year, general practice, attorney based in South Snohomish County, I believe I am qualified for immediate appointment to the Snohomish County South District Court bench for the following reasons.

I have enjoyed practicing law in Edmonds and its surrounding areas since 1988. I have been actively involved in our local community for a long time; having grown up and gone to school here, married my wife Stephanie, a beautiful home town girl, and now living and raising our own family here in Edmonds.

I currently serve as Judge Pro Tem for the Edmonds Municipal Court; having been appointed and sworn in by Judge Jim White in January of 2000. I also currently serve as Judge Pro Tem and pro tem Court Commissioner for Thurston County Superior Court; being appointed and sworn in by Judge Paula Casey in May of 1998.

Additionally, I have gained great campaigning experience while running for office in various county-wide and city-wide races (two Edmonds City Council races and two separate Snohomish County Superior Court Judicial campaigns). Although I was unsuccessful in my latest campaigns for the County bench, I was fortunate enough to garner a substantial percentage of the popular vote against an established incumbent and a gubernatorial appointee. I truly enjoy campaigning and, if appointed, I look forward to running for this judicial position in November.

I am honored to be considered for this appointment, which has been so ably held by Judge Stephen J. Dwyer (whom I was fortunate to have served with on our local Edmonds City Council). His legacy will be a challenge and a standard of excellence to which I will always strive to uphold.



**V.C. "Skip"  
Moyers, JR.**

The residents of Snohomish County are entitled to believe that the rights of each individual to swift, fair, and impartial justice and the right of the public at large to protections from the lawless individual are in good balance.

This balance is not painlessly, effortlessly, or thoughtlessly achieved, and nowhere is it more crucial to have that balance than at the district court system, because it is at that level where the most citizens are impacted, directly or indirectly, than in any other judicial setting. Tremendous cost to taxpayers in dollars and untold grief to individuals are at stake if that balance is left wanting.

I believe that a judge plays a special role in achieving that much sought after balance. A judge should guarantee that litigants follow the rules of the law. Most litigants, both plaintiff and defendant, are represented by attorneys. If those attorneys do their jobs well, the judge can and should serve as an impartial observer. If a litigant comes to the court without benefit of counsel, the judge should serve the additional role of making sure that that individual's rights are protected, both for the sake of that individual and for the sake of the society which that judge represents.

When both litigants enter the courtroom, each should expect justice to be done. When the litigants leave the courtroom, both parties should feel that justice has been done, even though one or the other may not be pleased with the outcome.

In my experience as an attorney, the judges in Snohomish County District Court, South Division, have a history of seeking balance. If I am fortunate enough to serve as a judge in that district court, justice through a cultivated balance will be my tireless goal.

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