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# CLERK'S ALERT

## Mark Larrañaga Sworn in as King County Superior Court Judge

King County Superior Court welcomes its newest judge, who was sworn in on May 15, 2023, at the King County Courthouse in downtown Seattle.

“Mark Larrañaga brings tremendous knowledge and experience to the King County Superior Court bench,” said Acting Presiding Judge Ketu Shah. “Our court, and the people of King County, will benefit greatly from his service.”

Larrañaga is a career criminal defense attorney, with roughly three decades of courtroom and trial experience. In 2005, he co-founded Walsh & Larrañaga, a Seattle-based law firm focused on criminal defense, civil rights, and personal injury work. From 2001 to 2004, Larrañaga was director of Washington state's Death Penalty Assistance Center, where he trained and assisted attorneys handling capital punishment cases. He began his career as a public defender in 1993.

Larrañaga is also involved in his community. He has volunteered as a youth baseball coach, and regularly judges high school mock trial competitions. From 2005 to 2018, Larrañaga taught death penalty jurisprudence as an adjunct professor at Seattle University School of Law.

Larrañaga earned his bachelor's degree at San Diego State University. He earned his law degree from Gonzaga University School of Law.



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