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CLERK'S ALERT

Kent Liu Sworn in as Superior Court Judge

Presiding Judge Ketu Shah completed the swearing in for Kent Liu on Monday, June 30, 2025, in the Presiding Courtroom (E-942) of the King County Courthouse in downtown Seattle. Judge Liu will fill the position vacated by Judge Susan Amini, who retired from the bench in May. He will take on a criminal caseload.

Liu is a career prosecutor with three decades of experience, including nearly 17 years at the Washington State Attorney General's Office. Most recently, Liu served as chief of the Attorney General's Organized Retail Crime Unit. "The depth and breadth of Kent Liu's experience as an attorney make him well-prepared for the King County Superior Court bench," said Presiding Judge Ketu Shah. "Our court, and the people of King County, will benefit greatly from his service."

Before joining the Attorney General's Office, Liu served four years as a special assistant U.S. attorney for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington. Prior to that, Liu worked as a deputy prosecuting attorney in Pierce County for 12 years, prosecuting a range of cases including homicide, sexual assault, firearm and drug distribution cases.

Liu earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Washington and his law degree from Seattle University School of Law.



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