



ANNUAL REPORT 2018



King County
SUPERIOR COURT

Message from the Presiding Judge and Chief Administrative Officer



On behalf of the judges, commissioners, and staff of the King County Superior Court, we are pleased to present our Annual Report highlighting the court's 2018 accomplishments.

In 2018, Superior Court offered new services and programs, focusing on those litigants most in need. The new services included expanding our dependency case mediation program, nearly doubling its capacity and favorable outcomes; expanding the court's work with Community Truancy Boards, reflecting a 60% increase in working with youth, compared with 2017; expanding the use of the video hearings on the Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) court calendars at Harborview Medical Center, preserving patient dignity by eliminating the need to travel across the county by ambulance, often restrained on a gurney; and improving jury service through a new "One Day-One Trial" protocol, increasing the jury pool each week while making jury service more convenient for those who serve.

Our Clerks Office successfully migrated the 1970's case management system known as SCOMIS to a 2019 system called KC Script, that is faster, more efficient, more flexible, and better interfaces with local law and justice programs. This system includes greater functionality that leads to more and better data analysis of the court caseload.

We worked diligently to ensure data-driven and financially supportable programs will be front and center in the new Children and Family Justice Center (CFJC). The CFJC physical structure became a visible reality as scaffolding turned to brick façade and construction crews installed lighting and heating systems. The court looks forward to the Fall 2019 opening, at which point a new service delivery model will be implemented.

We focused externally by hiring our first Communications Manager. She is educating the public and the media about who we are, what we do, and why we do it.

We focused internally with a new on-boarding system. New employees receive a 360 degree understanding of the court and a better understanding of how their work groups fit into the bigger picture. The court also on-boarded eight new judges and two new commissioners. We said goodbye to judges who either retired after successful careers or advanced to a higher court. We both miss them and thank them for their service.

This Annual Report is filled with data, insights, and reflection about how our community is changing and what the court is doing to adapt to these changes. We hope you find it useful.

Thank you,
Presiding Judge Jim Rogers
Chief Administrative Officer Paul Sherfey

Jurisdiction

- Felony and misdemeanor criminal matters
- Civil matters
- Family law, including divorce, separation, paternity, child support, adoptions, and domestic violence protection orders
- Probate and guardianship matters
- Mental illness and involuntary commitment matters
- Juvenile offender matters and juvenile dependencies involving abused and neglected children, children in need of services, at-risk youth, and truancies



MISSION

To serve the public by ensuring justice through accessible and effective forums for the fair, understandable, and timely resolution of legal matters.



VISION

Open to all.
Trusted by all.
Justice for all.



CORE VALUES

PROFESSIONAL
CULTURALLY-COMPETENT
ACCESSIBLE
SERVICE-ORIENTED
FAIR, UNDERSTANDABLE,
TIMELY
SAFE AND SECURE
LEADERSHIP

2018 STRATEGIC INNOVATIONS

Access services and programs that promote justice

- Implemented no wrong door customer service model
- Created Resource Guide for front line staff to quickly access information
- Moved more systems online to ensure greater accessibility

Case Management and Case Flow

- Replaced 30+ year old system with KC Script
- Implemented electronic receipts for Family Court cases

Public understanding and intergovernmental relations

- Hired Communications Manager
- Participated in and hosted diversity and inclusiveness events throughout the county
- Participated in ethnic radio talk shows in native languages

Operational infrastructure

- Partnered with Seattle and King County to activate Seattle City Park to improve safety near the Courthouse
- Moved toward the 2019 opening of the new Children and Family Justice Center
- Reduced annual jury costs by \$128,000 with new one-day jury service.

Work environment and workforce development

- On-boarded eight new judges and two new commissioners
- Improved on-boarding program for new employees
- Developed court professional development program

Safety

Concerns about **public and employee safety** in and around the courthouse led to **productive partnerships** in 2018.

The Court worked with the Prosecuting Attorneys Office, King County Sheriff's Office, Metro Police, Seattle Police Department, King County Facilities Management District, Seattle City Council and King County Council members to **create a safer and cleaner space.**



City Hall Park activation in summer 2018 included music, tables, food trucks, games, increased police presence and pressure-washing three times a week



Day one of park lunch-time activation: Judges Galvan and Oishi participate in grand opening activities.

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2018 Judges and Commissioners of the Court



LeRoy McCullough
Appointed, 1989

Laura C. Inveen
Appointed, 1992

Jeffrey M. Ramsdell
Elected, 1996

Dean S. Lum
Appointed, 1998

Helen L. Halpert
Appointed, 1999

Julie A. Spector
Appointed, 1999

Richard F. McDermott
Appointed, 2000

James D. Cayce
Appointed, 2000

Douglass A. North
Elected, 2000

Catherine D. Shaffer
Elected, 2000

Cheryl Carey
Elected, 2001

John P. Erlick
Elected, 2001

Mary Roberts
Appointed, 2003

J. Wesley Saint Clair
Appointed, 2004

Andrea Darvas
Elected, 2005

Theresa Doyle
Elected, 2005

Jim Rogers
Elected, 2005

Susan J. Craighead
Appointed, 2007

Monica J. Benton
Appointed, 2008

Regina S. Cahan
Elected/Appointed, 2009

Mariane Spearman
Elected, 2009

Timothy A. Bradshaw
Elected, 2009

Hollis R. Hill
Elected, 2009

Barbara A. Mack
Elected, 2009

Jean Rietschel
Appointed, 2010

Patrick H. Oishi
Appointed, 2011

Barbara Linde
Appointed, 2012

Bill A. Bowman
Elected/Appointed, 2012

Judith H. Ramseyer
Elected/Appointed 2012

Elizabeth J. Berns
Elected, 2013

Suzanne R. Parisien
Elected, 2013

Sean P. O'Donnell
Elected, 2013

Ken Schubert
Elected, 2013

Susan H. Amini
Appointed, 2013

Julia L. Garratt
Appointed, 2013

Roger S. Rogoff
Appointed, 2014

John Ruhl
Appointed, 2014

Tanya Thorp
Appointed, 2014

A. Chad Allred
Appointed, 2014

Samuel S. Chung
Appointed, 2014

Veronica Alicea-Galvan
Appointed, 2015

Janet M. Helson
Appointed, 2015

Johanna Bender
Appointed, 2015

John F. McHale
Elected, 2017

Kristin V. Richardson
Elected, 2017

Matthew W. Williams
Elected, 2017

Catherine L. Moore
Elected, 2017

Steve G. Rosen
Elected, 2017

David S. Keenan
Elected, 2017

Nicole A. Phelps
Elected, 2017

Michael Diaz
Appointed, 2019

Karen Donohue
Appointed, 2018

Sandra Widlan
Appointed, 2018

Michael Scott
Appointed, 2018

Mafe Rajul
Appointed, 2018

Marshall Ferguson
Appointed, 2018

Maureen McKee
Appointed, 2018

Averil Rothrock
Appointed, 2018

Melinda Young
Appointed, 2018

Retired in 2018

Judge Helen Halpert
Judge Hollis Hill
Judge Barbara Linde
Judge Jeffrey Ramsdell
Judge Mariane Spearman

Advanced to Appellate Court

Judge Beth M. Andrus
Judge John Chun
Judge Lori K. Smith

Commissioners

Carlos Y. Velategui, 1986
Bonnie Canada-Thurston, 1993

Hollis Holman, 1996
Leonid Ponomarchuk, 1998

Mark Hillman, 2007
Melinda Johnson Taylor, 2014
Henry Judson, 2014

Jennie Laird, 2014
Camille Schaefer, 2018
Nicole Wagner, 2018

Family Court Operations provides programs and support for Family Law, BECCA, and Dependency litigants and cases. **Family Law** encompasses matters related to divorce, paternity, child support, relocation and non-parental custody. **BECCA** cases include At-Risk Youth, Children in Need of Services, and Truancy. **Dependency** cases are cases in which children are removed from home, based on allegations of abuse and neglect.

2018 Highlights

- Self-represented cases are more complex and require more hands-on support
- Productive relationships were established with 17 school districts to benefit at-risk youth
- For the first time, active dependency cases exceeded 3,000



Family Law Information Center (FLIC)

This high volume office helps self-represented parties navigate the system. Staff create and distribute instructions, sell forms, meet with parties to answer questions, review paperwork, and research court files for compliance. FLIC services are essential to ensure that the low income, disabled, and limited English proficient residents of King County can access the family law court system.



4,071 meetings
24,214 questions
5,954 files reviewed before finalization

Early Resolution Case Manager (ERCM) Program

ERCMS are family law attorneys who assist self-represented parties by mediating their cases. They also assist parties who are not in compliance with the case schedule and teach the Family Law Orientation class.

- *Assisted parties with completing 935 cases*
- *Mediated 274 cases*
- *Educated 2,773 litigants through the Family Law Orientation class*



Lots to celebrate at the Family Court Services team lunch

FCS data

Family Court Services helps parents understand how separation, divorce, and ongoing parental conflict impact minor children.

The program offers mediation when parents disagree on a parenting plan. The program provides reports to support judicial decision making and includes information on substance abuse and domestic violence. **FCS settles approximately 80% of the cases they mediate.**

1,297 children served
99 family law mediations
235 parenting evaluations
127 domestic violence assessments in protection orders

32 risk assessments
192 Child Protective Services Status reports
56 adoptions
356 dependency motions

When there is reason to believe that a child has been **abandoned or abused** or a child has no parent or guardian capable of providing adequate care, the state files a petition to take custody of the child. This is called a dependency case and is sometimes referred to as a child welfare case.

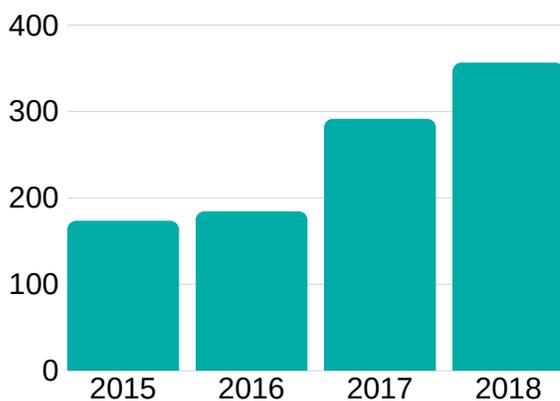
2018 Highlights

- 800 dependencies filed, 300 terminations
- 320 CASAs (Court Appointed Special Advocates) represent 869 children
- Family Treatment Court continues to be a bright spot: 60% of FTC parents had children returned to their care. Th

Dependency Mediation program provides a **non-confrontational environment** to resolve issues related to child welfare cases including recommended services, child placement and visitation. Parents can better understand and exert more control over outcomes. This reduces the number of court appearances.

In 2018, the court added a FULL TIME DEPENDENCY MEDIATOR in Kent to pursue mediation in lieu of a court hearing. This upstream intervention helps families to explore current barriers to success and expedite connection to community programs and services to reduce or eliminate the need for the parties to appear in court multiple times.

Dependency mediations nearly doubled in 3 years



The **Parents for Parents** program invites successful parent graduates to help those with pending child welfare cases. Supported parents are **more likely to attend court hearings and comply** with court orders.

Family Treatment Court is drug court for parents with pending child welfare cases. Parents receive mental health support and other services to **achieve and maintain sobriety**. We served 96 adults and 121 children in 2018. **More than 50% of the adults were homeless when they joined the program.**



"It feels good to be back here and not in that addiction cycle anymore" - FTC Graduate

Family Treatment Court's annual reunification picnic brings graduates and new litigants together with their children. (Photo Courtesy: Seattle Times)



Judge Elizabeth Berns swears in new CASAs

The **CASA program** (Court Appointed Special Advocates) recruits, trains, and provides legal support to citizen volunteers to represent the best interest of the child in child welfare cases.

In 2018, the CASA program focused on growing in number and diversity.

More than 350 dedicated CASA volunteers serve these families. Recruitment for volunteers to assist the 600 children without a CASA continues to be a priority for Family Court.

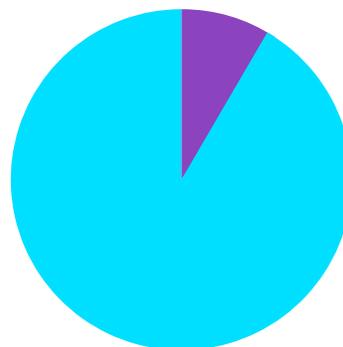
In the **2016/17**, the **Legislature** passed legislation establishing **Community Truancy Boards** across the state. The boards connect the courts and school districts to identify and intervene with students at the highest risk of not graduating.

In 2018, the court built relationships with **17 of the 19 local school districts providing the opportunity to work with 750 youth, a 60% increase over 2017.**

The school, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and court participate in pre-trial conferences with these students to provide options. Keeping youth out of court, back in school or into school alternatives is the underlying opportunity of Truancy legislation.

Pre-trial Truancy conferences at work

Students appear in court
8.4%



Students avoid court
91.6%

Dependency eWorking papers

New in 2018, parties now submit a copy of their e-filing receipt. These receipts are then reviewed online.

"It is such a relief not to have to send paper working copies. The whole process was a horrible time sink. The new protocol is simple to use and time-saving."

-Washington State Attorney General's Office



Our Annual Adoption Day celebration.

24 new families were created in 2018

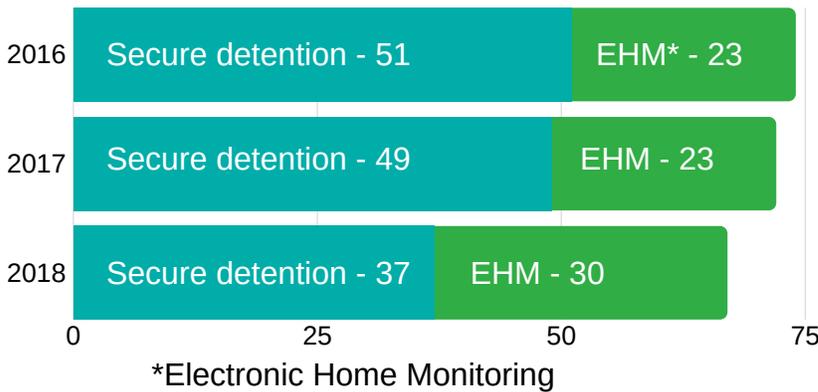
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JUVENILE COURT SERVICES

Juvenile Court Services handles all cases where a Juvenile is accused of committing an offense. The court offers programs that focus on equity, accountability, safety and therapeutic responses. Three judges and approximately 100 staff are assigned to this area.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES: EQUITY - ACCOUNTABILITY - SAFETY - THERAPEUTIC RESPONSE

2018 Highlights

- Caseload dropped due to collaborative approach to divert more youth into therapeutic services
- Youth have more complex issues and unmet basic needs.
- Court staff increased the one-to-one support provided to youth.
- The new Children and Family Justice Center, opening Fall 2019, will allow for increased services and improved service delivery.



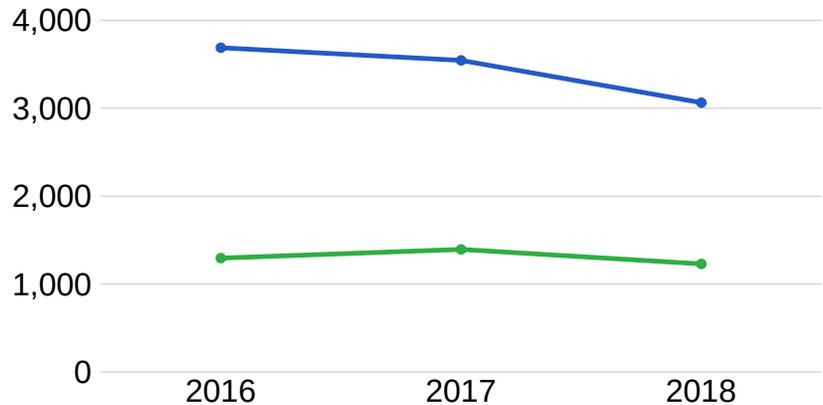
The court strives to keep all youth who can safely be in the community out of detention.

Referrals

Law enforcement sends information to Prosecutor

Filings

Prosecutor files charges



"Every young person who comes to our attention is an opportunity to positively intervene in his or her life" - Judge Judith Ramseyer



"Those who work with these kids must decide each day how to respond to each youth, each victim, each community, each crime." Judge Roger Rogoff, Seattle Times Op Ed

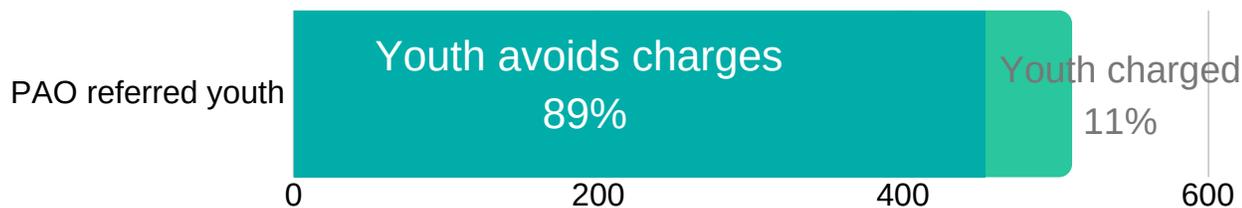


Judge J. Wesley Saint Clair, Chief Juvenile Court Judge for the past five years, retired after serving 27 years. He was appointed to King County District Court in September of 1991 and King County Superior Court in 2004.

Judge Saint Clair was a driving force behind the work of juvenile justice reform and addressing racial disparity and disproportionality. He presided over Juvenile Drug Court and did extensive work in our community to improve understanding and relationships between the court and those we serve. Judge Saint Clair made a huge contribution to juvenile justice and he will be missed!

KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUVENILE COURT PROGRAMS

Youth arrested for family violence find space at **Family Intervention and Restorative Services (FIRS)** - an overnight respite center - instead of secure detention. Youth and families are offered no-cost in-home counseling, mental health, drug and alcohol services, and the Step-Up Program. King County's national model launched in 2016.



Juveniles charged who suffer from **diagnosed substance abuse problem** can choose to participate in **Juvenile Drug Court** to resolve criminal charges. They engage in early, intensive, and court-monitored treatment. Charges are dismissed when the juvenile graduates.



Step-up is a 20-week intervention program that focuses on youth, parents/caregivers, and families. This nationally recognized family violence prevention program served 48 families in 2018.

Juvenile Court operates 13 volunteer-led **Community Accountability Boards**. Community members interview youth who committed a crime and their caretakers to address the issue. They create **individualized diversion agreements** and **connect youth to local resources**.

"I am grateful for this diversion. This is giving me another chance to prove to those around me, and especially myself, that I can do better and inspire others around me to also do as I do." - CAB Participant

Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Our nationally recognized program operates from the premise that sexual exploitation of a minor is never the child's fault. This collaborative public/private partnership **supports girls and boys** by providing housing, food, employment, and holds extensive training opportunities to help community partners to spot exploitation. In 2018, we provided support to **212 youth**, of which **13% are boys and 87% are girls**.

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JUVENILE COURT / New in 2018

In September, Juvenile Court and Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention partnered on the **first in-detention resource fair** with 15 non-profit programs in support of youth in detention, shared information about housing, employment and opportunities to youth who might not otherwise have been aware of the programs and services.

eQuality

LGBTQ youth are over-represented in the system and have unique needs related to their identity. In 2018, Juvenile Court partnered with the Center for Children & Youth Justice to deliver this carefully researched new program to **train court staff and case workers** to interact in a safe, affirming way and find organizations in community designed to support this population. Work done here will lay the foundation for the statewide protocol set to roll out in 2019.



"This is one of the best trainings of serving LGBTQ+ youth/families I have ever been to. Thank you!" - Juvenile Court employee



20+ volunteers host a Community Program Resource Fair in Detention



Earn and Learn Summer Program in Highline School District teaches youth about gardening



Aaron Parker (left) and his JJAT team

PARTNERSHIPS

We work closely with our partners early in the process to provide youth wrap-around care that leads to better long-term outcomes.

Recognizing that housing and court-involvement are linked, the court worked with **YouthCare and The Raikes Foundation** to hire a **housing navigator** to help unstably-housed families.

The **Credible Messenger** program pays individuals from the same core communities with the same lived experiences to engage youth who are hardest to reach. The program continues to expand and provide group mentorship to more youth across King County.

Community Empowered Disposition Alternative and Resolution (CEDAR) is a **new sentencing alternative** that provides an expedited track for certain first-time juvenile felony offenders to take responsibility early by offering incentive for the young person to engage with community resources and support.

Juvenile Justice Assessment Team conducts mental health and substance abuse evaluations for court-involved youth, assigns psychologists and other professionals directly connected to the **court and in-community** to guide youth through therapeutic plans.

Children and Family Justice Center: Fall 2019

Nearly seven years after a public vote to fund the new Children and Family Justice Center, the court and detention portions are set to open in fall 2019.

The new, light-filled LEED silver facility replaces the old, dilapidated structure that lacked consistent clean water, working ventilation, and, most importantly, space to provide the necessary services for children and families.

2018 was a big construction year. Crews completed all major mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems. .

The facility has 100 fewer beds in detention than the current facility, a recognition that the approach to juvenile justice is appropriately changing.

The court recognizes that youth and families need wrap-around support to succeed long-term. This new facility and corresponding opportunity to provide and access new programs reflect this changing approach.



Youth Program Space: 10,200 square feet

Public Open Areas: 1.55 acres of the site will be open areas that include the Alder Connection, a pedestrian and bicycle pathway that will reconnect East Alder Street between 12th and 14th Avenues after a 50-year closure, space on the corner of East Remington Court and 14th Avenue, and public plaza space facing 12th Avenue.



Resource center

- **Employment and education resources**
- **Public health**
- **Interpreter coordinator**
- **Kids' closet**
- **Childcare center for families on court business**
- **Youth and family programs**
- **Housing navigator**
- **Conference center for community use**



Courthouse: 137,000 square feet with 10 courtrooms, an increase of 3 courtrooms and 40,000 square feet.



Civil and Criminal Court Operations includes judges, bailiffs, court reporters, court coordinators, calendar coordinators, guardianship and probate staff, jury staff, interpreters, involuntary treatment staff and mandatory arbitration.

8 ITA video courtrooms
157,000 jurors summonsed
73% increase in ITA hearings
166 interpreter languages
8 new and 7 retiring Transitioned judges

Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) court is located at Harborview Medical Center and provides legal processes for authorizing the civil commitment of people with serious mental disorders for psychiatric treatment for defined periods of time.

Due to a **35% increase in ITA hearings in 2018**, the court looked at different options to work more efficiently. The court completed approximately **73% of these hearings via video** from the eight Evaluation & Treatment facilities across King County.

The use of video assists in preserving patient dignity by eliminating the need to travel across the county by ambulance. Video hearings allow other judicial officers to conduct hearings when the need exceeds capacity. The court continues to work with justice partners to develop a more supportive and therapeutic approach to patient care.

Jury Services

The jury department summonsed 157,000 in Seattle and Kent.

With the implementation of the "One Day - One Trial" protocol for jurors, the court has an additional potential pool of jurors each week. This provides trial courts the ability to use jurors more efficiently, and has resulted in courts obtaining jurors when ever needed.

Interpreters

Top 6 languages by cost

- Spanish
- Vietnamese
- Amharic/Tigrinya
- Somali
- ASL
- Mandarin

The court provides interpreters in **166 languages** for all court matters regardless of the ability to pay. In 2018, the court **spent more on interpreters at the MRJC** than in Seattle for the first time.

2018 New Judges



Judge Michael "Mike" Diaz joined the bench in 2018. Prior to joining the court, he was an Assistant United States Attorney in Seattle from 2008 to 2018, where he founded the office's Civil Rights Program. Before that he was in private practice **for six years**. Judge Diaz also teaches a civil rights course, as an adjunct Professor at Seattle University School of Law. In 2016, President Obama nominated Judge Diaz to be a U.S. District Court Judge in Seattle, which expired without Senate action.



Judge Karen Donohue joined the bench in March 2018. Prior to her appointment, she served for seven years on the Seattle Municipal Court (SMC) bench where she was Presiding Judge from 2016 until her current appointment. Judge Donohue worked as a Judge Pro Tem in several district and municipal courts, in a general practice firm, as a law clerk/bailiff, prosecutor and defense attorney, consultant and solo practitioner and as General Counsel at a global telecommunications consulting and network development firm.



Judge Sandra Widlan joined the bench in April 2018. Prior to joining the court, Judge Widlan worked at the law firm of Schroeter Goldmark & Bender for 17 years where she represented clients in civil litigation. Judge Widlan volunteered at the free legal clinic at El Centro de la Raza, served on the board for nonprofit organizations that help individuals living with disabilities. Judge Widlan received the 2018 Outstanding Lawyer Award from the Latina/o Bar Association of Washington.



Judge Michael Scott joined the bench in April 2018. Prior to joining the court, he practiced with Hillis Clark Martin & Peterson in Seattle for 35 years, representing clients in a broad range of civil disputes. He also devoted substantial time to pro bono work including significant civil rights cases. Judge Scott served on the Bainbridge Island City Council, the Puget Sound Regional Council Growth Management Policy Board, the Puget Sound Clean Air Advisory Council, and the Pride Foundation Board of Directors.



Judge Mafé Rajul joined the bench in 2018. She immigrated from Bogotá, Colombia to Washington state at 17 and dedicated her professional career to giving back to the community as an interpreter, prosecutor, and volunteer. She joined the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and was recruited by the United States Department of State to work as a legal advisor in Honduras. She is on the board of directors of the Washington State Coalition for Language Access.



Judge Marshall Ferguson joined the bench in July 2018. Prior to joining the court, Judge Ferguson practiced law in King County for 19 years, most recently as a partner at Williams Kastner & Gibbs. He focused on commercial litigation, particularly in the areas of real estate and aviation, representing clients in state and federal courts throughout Washington. He served as his firm's Chief Ethics Counsel, advising lawyers and staff on maintaining compliance with their ethical obligations.



Judge Maureen McKee joined the bench in August 2018. Originally from Tulsa, Oklahoma, Judge McKee studied at Oberlin Conservatory as a piano performance major then changed her major to Black Studies. Judge McKee moved to Chicago to be a VISTA Volunteer working with Latino immigrants seeking naturalization. She worked with young adults at YAI/National Institute for People with Developmental Disabilities then settled in Seattle as a public defender at The Defender Association for 16 years.



Judge Averil Rothrock joined the bench in October 2018. Prior to joining the court, Judge Rothrock spent 24 years in private practice in King County representing clients in civil disputes in Superior Court and in the appellate courts. Judge Rothrock has appeared in the Court of Appeals for the State of Washington more than fifty times and represented clients in multiple matters reviewed by the Washington State Supreme Court. Judge Rothrock serves on the boards of the King County Law Library and the King County Bar Foundation, working on access to justice and diversification of the legal profession.

Also known as the Superior Court Clerk's office, the Department of Judicial Administration is an Executive Branch Department with 210 employees with offices in three courthouses. The department serves as a customer service office of the Superior Court, managing all the records of Superior Court cases. DJA also manages receipt, disbursement and trust accounting of all fees, fines and payments made in Superior Court cases.

Customers served daily **500+** Documents filed daily
Daily phone inquiries **600+** **6000+**



2018: Drug Court expanded eligibility and updated policies to support more candidates

Drug Diversion Court is one of the **longest-running** and **most successful** drug recovery programs in the United States. In 2018, the Drug Court Executive Committee **expanded eligibility** to reach more potential candidates including defendants charged with residential burglary and those who owed more than \$2,000 in restitution.

Additionally, treatment staff, law enforcement, housing advocates, judges and attorneys reviewed the program's structure in light of the National Drug Court Institute's **best practices** and came up with a **new model**, more closely reflecting the latest research.

Drug Court is an intensive program with a **60% success rate**. Prospective graduates must pay restitution and be engaged in productive activity prior to graduation and dismissal of felony charges.

Monthly graduations are emotional and well-attended by family, friends, the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Department of Public Defense and often by Judy Maleng, the widow of Norm Maleng who championed Drug Court during his service as King County Prosecuting Attorney.

New Technology

In November, the Clerk's Office launched a new case and financial management system, KC Script, after years of careful planning, dedication, commitment, and hard work.

KC Script:

- Replaces a **30+ year old statewide system**
- Allows for **better data interfaces** with local law and justice systems
- Provides more **flexibility and expanded functionality**

The new system is **highly configurable, efficient, and intuitive**. It allows automatic exchange of data with other systems, more efficient search ability, and reduces the chance of data entry errors.

One of the biggest challenges included the conversion of 40+ years worth of data into the new system.



In 2019, the project team will focus on Phase II which includes integrating the Clerk's Office's customer interfaces such as e-filing and the document viewers within KC Script.

They will also develop interfaces with county law and justice partners and continue the development of the connection to the state court data repository.

After years of hard work, team members celebrate migration day!

BUDGET, CASELOAD, AND PERFORMANCE

2018 Expenditures by Program Area

Civil and Criminal Operations

Includes judges, bailiffs, court reporters, court coordinators, guardianship and probate staff, jury, interpreters, and mandatory arbitration (40%) \$23,389,000

Juvenile Court Operations

Includes judges, bailiffs, court coordinators, probation and treatment services, intervention & prevention programs, Juvenile Drug Court, and Juvenile Diversion (23%) \$14,109,000

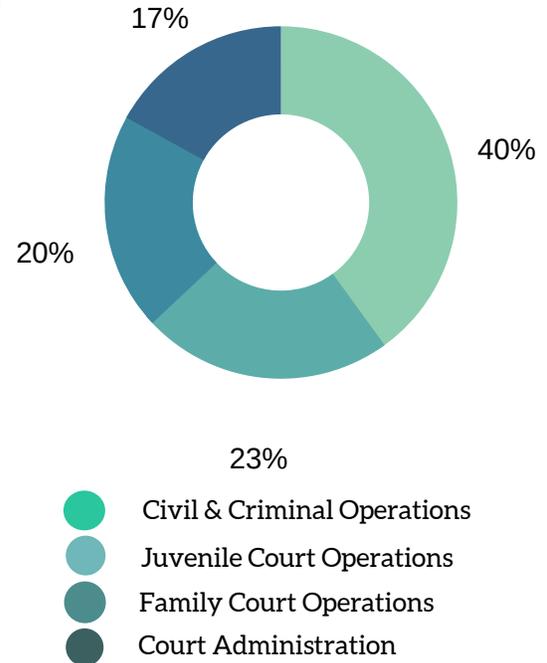
Family Court Operations

Includes commissioners, court coordinators, and the Family Court Services, Family Law Facilitator, Family Treatment Court, Dependency, Dependency CASA, Truancy and At -Risk Youth, and Early Resolution Case Management Programs (20%) \$11,561,000

Court Administration

Includes executive staff, human resources, technology services, finance, facilities, and clerical services. (17%) \$10,039,000

Total **\$59,098,000**



Case Filings

Case Type	2018	2017-2018 Change %
Criminal	6106	-7.2 %
Civil	22285	3.3 %
Domestic	7640	0.6 %
Probate/Guardianship	7359	-0.1 %
Adoption/Paternity	957	-11.8 %
ITA	4910	4.6 %
Juvenile Dependency	3349	15.9 %
Juvenile Offender	1229	-7.2 %
Total	53,835	

Case Resolutions

Case Type	2018	2017-2018 Change %
Criminal	5929	-5.2 %
Civil	21409	-0.9 %
Domestic	7632	0.9 %
Probate/Guardianship	7290	2.8 %
Adoption/Paternity	956	-10.4 %
ITA	4663	0.7 %
Juvenile Dependency	2841	-10.1 %
Juvenile Offender	1225	3.9 %
Total	51,945	

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BUDGET, CASELOAD, AND PERFORMANCE

Pending Caseload

Case Type	2018	2017	2017-2018 Change %
Criminal	3001	3304	-9.2%
Civil	8644	7244	19.3%
Domestic	4412	4366	1.1%
Probate/Guardianship	1626	1285	26.3%
Adoption/Paternity	405	400	1.3%
ITA	286	126	127.0%
Non-offender Juvenile Matters	2917	2076	40.5%
Juvenile Offender	468	504	-7.1%
Total	21,759	19,305	

A case is considered pending if it is unresolved and active. At the end of 2018, a significant increase in pending caseload was observed in general civil, probate/guardianship, ITA and non-juvenile matters.

A decrease was observed in both adult criminal and juvenile offender cases.

Age of Pending Caseload (in days)

Case type	2018	2017	2017-2018 Change %
Criminal	154	123	25.2%
Civil	144	133	8.3%
Domestic	136	136	0.0%
Probate/Guardianship	388	291	33.3%
Adoption/Paternity	123	122	0.8%
ITA	28	14	100.0%
Non-offender Juvenile Matters	251	181	38.7%
Juvenile Offender	117	96	21.9%
Median for Active Pending Caseload	159	136	16.9%

The median age of all pending cases was 159 days at the end of 2018, a 16% increase from that in 2017.

The median age of pending cases lengthened in 2018 for almost all case categories, particularly a significant increase in criminal, probate/guardianship, ITA and all juvenile case types

Trial Category	2018	2017	2017-2018 Change %
Jury Trials	298	352	-15.3%
Non-Jury Trials	585	564	3.7%
Juvenile Adjudications	796	628	26.8%
Trials by Affidavit	244	257	-5.1%

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Juvenile Court celebrates Juneteenth



Staff appreciation event at MRJC



The French version of "60 Minutes" does an in-depth story about King County Drug Court.



Our Courts and Community team celebrates LatinX month at El Centro de la Raza



Judge Moore and Judge Keenan are two of 14 judges who visited schools across King County to talk about the Bill of Rights with children on Constitution Day



Renton Juvenile Probation Counselor Nikki Burr co-created a pilot project at Panther Lake Elementary to teach pro-social skills to 5th/6th graders



Judge Inveen speaks to 40+ students from the UW Law School's

Transnational Summer Program

Free backpacks and lunch to welcome students to Juvenile Court's Alder School

Seattle Times Social Justice Reporter Tyrone Beason has Jury Duty, is impressed, and talks with Judge Shaffer to learn more about the effort to diversify the jury pool.



Adoption Day!



Court staff set up Breast Cancer Awareness table

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