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KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT



King County
Superior Court



Mission

The mission of King County Superior Court is to equitably serve the diverse public by administering justice through accessible, inclusive, and unbiased forums for the fair, understandable, and timely resolution of legal matters.

Vision

OPEN TO
TRUSTED BY
JUSTICE FOR **ALL**

Core Values

FFAIRNESS AND TIMELINESS

Act fairly, timely, and without bias, and ensure decisions are clear and equitable.

LEADERSHIP

Model leadership, excellence, civility, and high ethical standards at all levels and in all areas of the Court.

RESPECT

Be respectful and inclusive of all backgrounds and cultures

ACCESSIBILITY

Ensure court proceedings and information are understandable to all, courthouses are barrier-free, and court services are accessible to all.

SAFETY

Provide a safe and secure courthouse for everyone, ensuring the right of witness and participate in the delivery of justice.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Assist court users in navigating the court system efficiently and effectively.

INNOVATION

Implement best practice and innovative programs and solutions to advance the Court and meet future needs.

COLLABORATION

Work with regional partners and stakeholders to achieve results that benefit all members of the community.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDING JUDGE AND CAO

As the world emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Court took stock of the profound changes we had made during that time to ensure we were evolving our operations to better serve and provide access to all individuals in King County.

In 2023, we updated our mission, vision, and values, and crafted our strategic priorities for the next five years. We also reiterated the Court's commitment to principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion and identified efforts the Court will undertake to address implicit bias and institutional racism.

Thank you for taking the time to read about the important and responsive work of King County Superior Court.

PATRICK OISHI

PRESIDING JUDGE

LINDA K. RIDGE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

King County Superior Court is Washington state's largest general jurisdiction trial court, handling civil matters, domestic matters, felony criminal cases, juvenile matters, and appeals from courts of limited jurisdiction. The judges are each elected to 4-year terms by the voters of King County, or, in the event of a vacancy, appointed by the Governor.

King County Superior Court has been recognized as a national leader in adopting technology to continue operations during the pandemic and was among the first courts in the nation to resume jury trials by holding them in a socially-distanced format.

Nearly every aspect of court operations has been radically remade since early 2020. Many hearings and other matters are conducted remotely, as is jury selection. As they have been shown to improve operational efficiency while enhancing access to justice, many of these changes are becoming standard business practices.





ACCESS TO JUSTICE, FOR ALL

SINCE 2020, THE COURT HAS RE-DEDICATED ITSELF TO UNDERSTANDING “NOT ONLY ON THE EXISTENCE OF IMPLICIT BIAS, BUT ON TOOLS WE HAVE AT OUR DISPOSAL TO RECOGNIZE AND CHECK BIAS, [SO THAT] WE CAN SERVE OUR COMMUNITY WELL.”

The judicial officers of Superior Court created Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Principles to “complement our collective obligations pursuant to the Washington State Code of Judicial Conduct.” In introducing these principles, the DEI Committee explained that:

“As a Court, we recognize that people from a wide array of marginalized communities have lacked, and continue to lack, access to justice in our culture and in our courts.

We also recognize that those who face racial and ethnic discrimination, namely that BIPOC members of these other marginalized groups, experience disproportionately greater adverse impacts as similarly situated white persons.

The impact of racial and ethnic discrimination which pervades our society and permeates our system of justice is thus uniquely harmful and our response to racism is of paramount importance. Our Court is committed to actively dismantling racial and ethnic inequities that exist in our operations and within our control.”

DEI Vision

- King County Superior Court recognizes that members of this institution have been and continue to be conditioned by systemic racism and implicit biases. Therefore, we actively work to identify and redress those biases within ourselves and within our policies and operations.
- King County Superior Court creates and maintains a climate that not only is welcoming and inclusive of BIPOC judicial officers and staff, but also is one in which their perspectives, insights and lived experiences are valued.
- King County Superior Court creates and maintains a culture of respect and collaboration.
- King County Superior Court, judicial officers and staff alike, approach DEI education as a life-long endeavor.
- As consistent with Washington State and federal Law, King County Superior Court makes policy, hiring, assignment, and advancement decisions that recognize the value of a diverse workforce.
- King County Superior Court proactively partners with, and actively strives to earn the trust of, the communities we serve.
- King County Superior Court prioritizes DEI work financially, philosophically, procedurally, and substantively.

DEI Principles

- Each judicial officer and, as appropriate, staff member, is individually responsible for the implementation of the Visions set forth herein.
- The Presiding Judge, Assistant Presiding Judge, Executive Committee, Chief Judges, Lead Judges, Chief Administrative Officer, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, and Court Directors are responsible for leadership decisions that implement the Visions set forth herein.
- Court committees shall prioritize diversity, equity, and inclusion in their work products.
- The Court shall provide opportunities for mentorship and caucusing for BIPOC judicial officers and allies.
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**ENHANCE THE COURT USER
EXPERIENCE**

**ENRICH THE EMPLOYEE
EXPERIENCE**

**IMPROVE COURT
FACILITIES, SAFETY &
SECURITY**

**BE AN ADAPTIVE,
INNOVATIVE, AND
RESPONSIVE COURT**

CREATING A COURT FOR OUR FUTURE

Superior Court and DJA Set Strategic Focus Areas for 2024 through 2028

The 2024-2028 Strategic Agenda reflects adjustments made, lessons learned, and the new environment in which the Court operates, remaining steadfast in our commitment to the Court's mission, vision, and values. The centerpiece is the Strategic Focus Areas listed above.

The Court and DJA have a long history of thinking and planning strategically. Since the mid-1990s and every five years thereafter, the Court and DJA have developed and used a Strategic Agenda for setting priorities and making improvements.

In the process of updating the Strategic Agenda through 2028, the Committee looked at a variety of metrics to help shape the priorities moving forward. This included reviewing internal case and departmental trends over the past 10-20 years, reviewing external trends across state courts nationwide, as well as the changing demographics of King County.

Additionally, we administered three surveys: court staff and judicial officers; community partners, stakeholders, and members of the bar; and a court user survey which allowed

survey respondents to provide feedback about their experience.

During this development period the Court renewed our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, and endeavored to infuse these core values and principles throughout this document as they do in our daily work, whether from the bench, at the front desk, or when supporting our core functions.

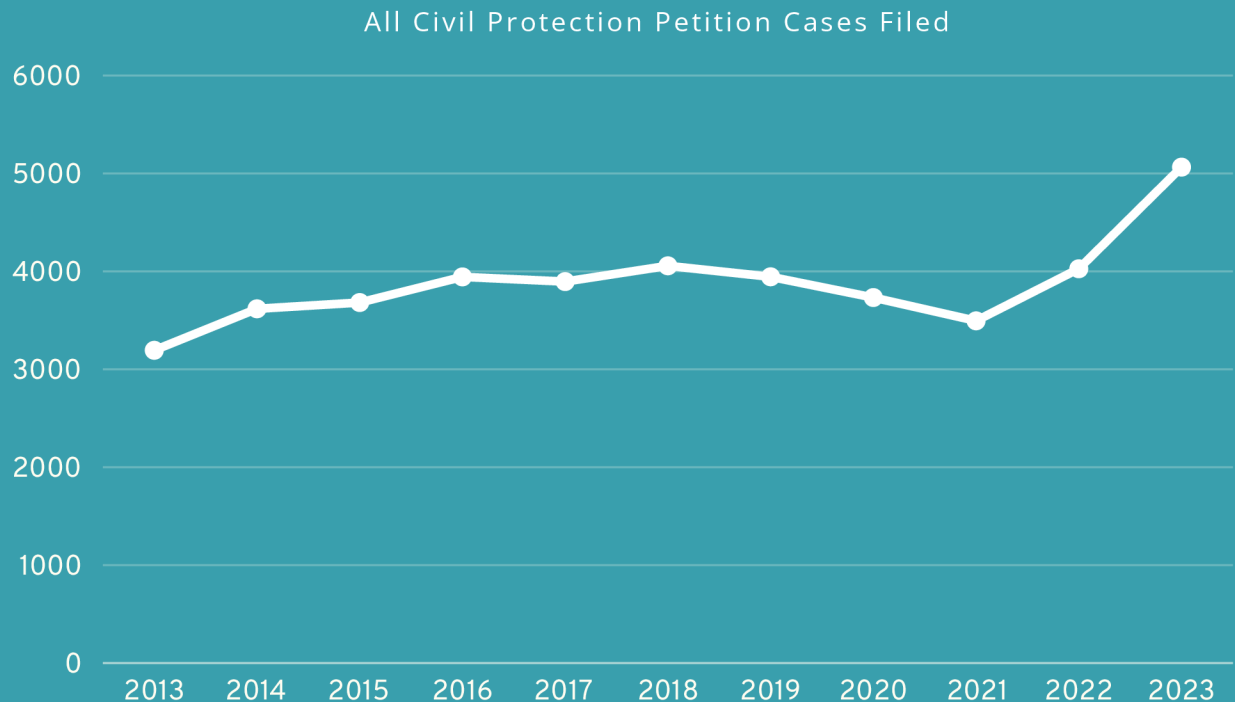
We reviewed new and exciting ways in which our service delivery model was altered as a result of the pandemic;

considered trends impacting courts locally and across the country; and gathered input from court users and justice system partners to determine what we're doing well and how we might improve.

This information has been invaluable in assisting the Court to chart our strategic course for the next five years, beginning in 2024.

Pictured below from left are KCSC Judge LeRoy McCullough, Snohomish County Superior Court Judge Edirin O. Okoloko, child welfare and juvenile justice Advocate Ida Keeley, and KCSC Judge Jaime Hawk.





CIVIL PROTECTION ORDERS AND WEAPONS SURRENDER

Superior Court sees sharp increase in petitions following changes to the law.

Civil Protection Orders are filed by people seeking protection in domestic or family violence, sexual assault, stalking, harassment, extreme risk, or vulnerable adult cases. Some protection orders require the respondent to surrender their weapons.

To simplify and clarify statutes for people seeking relief and people responding to orders, lawmakers in 2022 passed new legislation (RCW 7.105) creating a single form, allowing for remote hearings, and including “coercive control” in the definition of domestic violence, among other changes.

King County implemented the Civil Protection Order (CPO) Pilot Program in 2022 to address these changes. In 2023, there were over 5,000 Civil Protection Orders filed and over 4,000 review hearings for Weapons Surrender in King County Superior Court. This reflects over a 25% increase to the workload from prior years.

Family Law staff provide support to the seven Family Law Commissioners hearing Civil Protection Order matters and to the UFC Chief Judge on the Weapons Surrender Review Calendars. In 2023, Family Court Services completed 90 Domestic Violence Assessments.



5,000

More than 5,000 Civil Protection Orders were filed in 2023, and more than 4,000 review hearings for Weapons Surrender.

25%

This represents a workload increase of more than 25 percent from prior years.

Superior Court of Washington

Findings and Order on Review –
Weapons/Firearms Surrender:
(check only one box)

☐ Order Finding Compliance
(ORRWSC)

☒ Not In Compliance

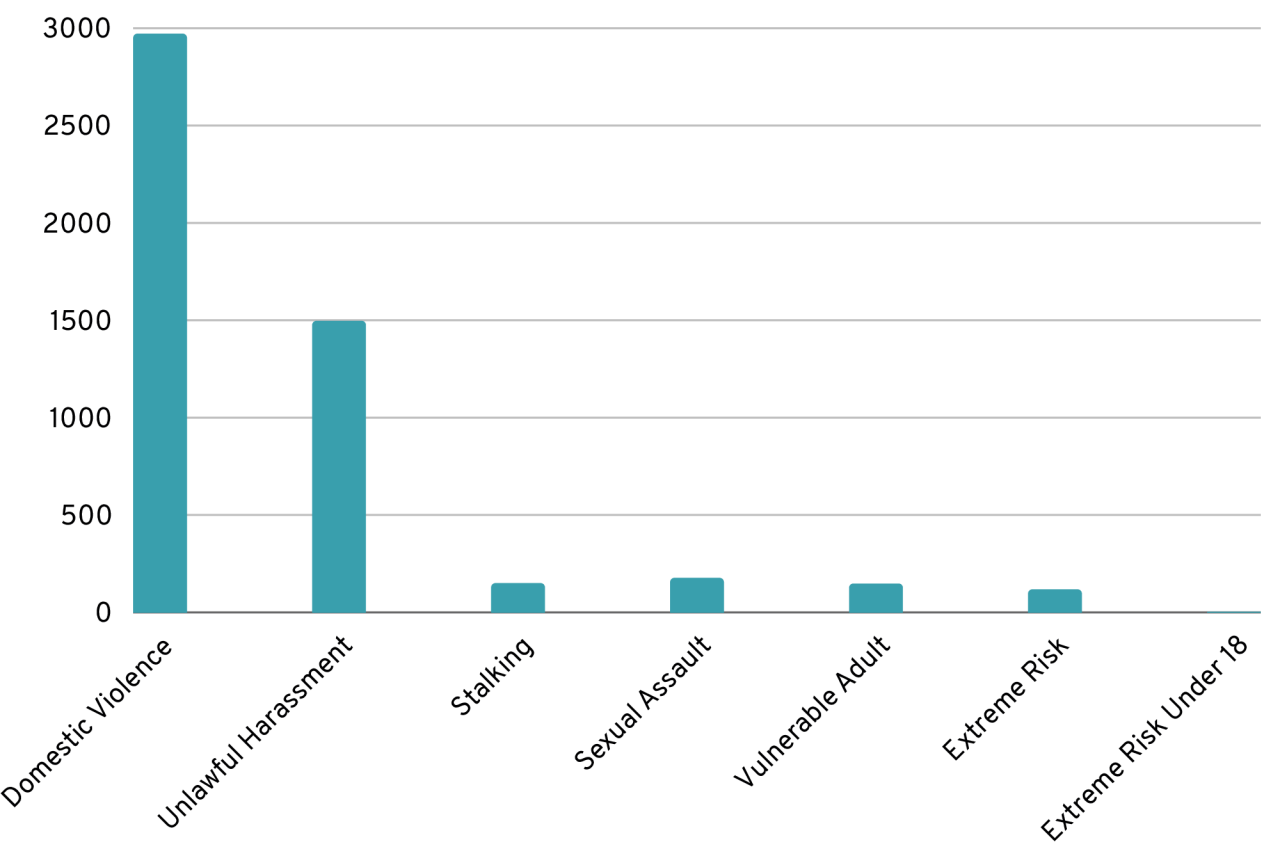
☐ Not Served
☐ Order Finding Noncompliance
and to Go to Court for Contempt (Order
to Show Cause)(ORCROSC) (8)

☒ Order Setting Compliance
Review Hearing (ORCRH) (7)

Hearing Date/Time: 10/12/23

PROTECTION ORDERS BY TYPE

Most of the more than 5,000 petitions for protection orders filed in 2023 were domestic violence, followed by unlawful harassment. Unlawful harassment (also known as anti-harassment) protection order filings have increased 190% since 2019.





CATHERINE CORNWALL APPOINTED SUPERIOR COURT CLERK

The Department of Judicial Administration exists to ensure access to justice and the integrity of the court process and to deliver consistent service that is courteous, prompt, accurate, and impartial. A Department of the King County Executive branch of government, DJA — commonly known as the Clerk's Office — provides Superior Court records, financial services, and justice system programs. The Director of DJA reports to the leadership of Superior Court.

Catherine Cornwall was appointed to the position of Department of Judicial Administration (DJA) Director and Superior Court Clerk in July, following the retirement of Barbara Miner.

Ms. Cornwall has served as the Deputy Director of DJA since 2022. Prior to joining DJA she held several managerial and advisory roles in county and city government, including ten years as a Fiscal and Policy Manager for the City of Seattle's Budget Office.



"Ms. Cornwall is deeply committed to public service, access to justice, diversity/equity/inclusion, and the mission and responsibilities of the Superior Court Clerk. On behalf of the Superior Court bench, I am pleased to welcome her to the role. Our court, and the people of King County, will be well served by her leadership of the Department of Judicial Administration."

—Presiding Judge Patrick Oishi

King County Drug Diversion Court Celebrates Success



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Adults charged with specific felony property (e.g. vehicle theft or burglary) and other drug-related crimes in King County can choose Drug Court as an alternative to mainstream case processing. KCDDC's design is based on 30 years of national research.

90%

90% of KCDDC participants have no new felonies at 36-month follow-up, per Washington State DSHS analysis. That is not just KCDDC graduates; it is all participants. KCDDC has a beneficial impact on recidivism whether or not a participant graduates.

\$7,500

In 2023, with strong support from the King County Executive and King County Council, KCDDC implemented a Drug Court Restitution Fund. Victims receive up to \$7,500 of court-ordered restitution as a participant progresses through the KCDDC program phases.

100%

The Washington State Institute for Public Policy classifies drug courts as an evidence-based intervention for reducing crime and concludes drug courts produce a return on investment 100% of the time.



STRONGER TOGETHER

SUPERIOR COURT'S JUDGES AND COURT COMMISSIONERS PERFORM THE JUDICIAL FUNCTIONS OF THE COURT. THE JUDGES ALSO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADOPTING RULES OF GOVERNANCE FOR THE COURT AND FOR MAKING POLICY DECISIONS.

LeRoy McCullough

Appointed, 1989

Mary E. Roberts

Appointed, 2003

Andrea A. Darvas

Elected, 2005

James E. (Jim) Rogers

Elected, 2005

Patrick H. Oishi

Appointed, 2011

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

Tanya L. Thorp

Appointed, 2014

A. Chad Allred

Appointed, 2014

Samuel S. Chung

Appointed, 2014

Veronica Galván

Appointed, 2015

Janet M. Helson

Appointed, 2015

Johanna Bender
Appointed, 2015

John F. McHale
Elected, 2017

Kristin V. Richardson
Elected, 2017

Veronica Galván
Appointed, 2015

Janet M. Helson
Appointed, 2015

David S. Keenan
Elected, 2017

Nicole A. Phelps
Elected, 2017

Karen Donohue
Appointed, 2018

Sandra Widlan
Appointed, 2018

Michael R. Scott
Appointed, 2018

Marshall Ferguson
Appointed, 2018

Maureen McKee
Appointed, 2018

Averil Rothrock
Appointed, 2018

Melinda J. Young
Appointed, 2019

Annette Messitt
Appointed, 2019

Michael K. Ryan
Appointed, 2019

Aimée M. Sutton
Appointed, 2019

Joesphine Wiggs
Appointed, 2019

Ketu Shah
Appointed, 2019

Brian McDonald
Appointed, 2019

David Whedbee
Appointed, 2019

Karen Donohue
Appointed, 2018

Nelson K.H. Lee
Appointed, 2020

Cindi Port
Appointed, 2020

Andrea Robertson
Appointed, 2020

Hillary Madsen
Elected, 2021

Jason Poydras
Appointed, 2021

Matthew J. Segal
Appointed, 2021

Adrienne McCoy
Appointed, 2021

Kristin E. Ballinger
Appointed, 2022

Jason Holloway
Appointed, 2022

Haydee Vargas
Appointed, 2022

Matthew Lapin
Appointed, 2022

Jaime Hawk
Appointed, 2022

Joe Campagna
Appointed, 2022

Taki Flevaris
Appointed, 2022

*Judges Who Left the
Court in 2023*

Catherine D. Shaffer
Elected, 2000

Judith H. Ramseyer
Elected/Appointed 2012

Steve G. Rosen
Elected, 2017

Matthew W. Williams
Elected, 2017

Commissioners in 2023

Hollis Holman

Appointed in 1996

Mark Hillman

Appointed in 2007

Henry Judson

Appointed in 2014

Jennie Laird

Appointed in 2014

Bradford Moore

Appointed in 2013

Camille Schaefer

Appointed in 2018

Monica Cary

Appointed in 2022

Jamie Perry

Appointed in 2022

Commissioners Who Left the Court in 2023

Leonid Ponomarchuk

Appointed in 1998

A photograph of two men in dark blue suits standing in a grand, ornate hall. The man on the left has grey hair and glasses, wearing a dark tie. The man on the right has dark hair and glasses, wearing a red patterned tie. They are both smiling. In the background, other people are visible, including a woman in a red dress and a man in a striped jacket. The hall has a high ceiling with decorative elements and a patterned carpet.

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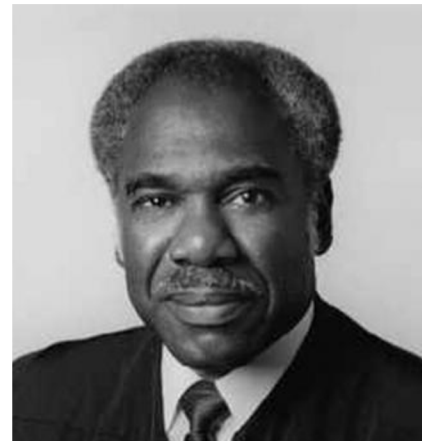
Six judges were appointed to King County Superior Court in 2023.

11%

This represents 11 percent of the Superior Court Bench. Some appointees were previously judges in District Court.



LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP



THE HON. C.V. JOHNSON

Family and Friends of Judge Charles V. Johnson gathered Friday, July 21, for the dedication of the Judge Charles V. Johnson Judicial Conference Room on the 9th floor of the King County Courthouse.

Judge Johnson, who passed away in 2020, was Presiding Judge of King County Superior Court and is remembered as a trailblazer for access to justice and diversity, a mentor to judicial officers, attorneys, and community leaders, and a loving family man. Mrs. Johnson is pictured here, cutting the ribbon to the door of the conference room, flanked by Judge Rogers and Judge Oishi, and surrounded by family and friends.



The chair used by Judge Charles V. Johnson sits in the conference room that bears his name.

IN MEMORIAM



Superior Court mourned the loss of the **Hon. Susan J. Craighead**. Appointed to the King County Superior Court in 2007 by Governor Christine Gregoire, Judge Craighead served as Presiding Judge during the completion of the Clark Children and Family and Justice Center and was a leader in efforts to eliminate racial disparities in the juvenile system. She retired in 2021.

"Judge Craighead was a good friend to many and a leader on our Court," Judge Jim Rogers said. "She tirelessly worked her cases, spent many hours on the creation of the CCFCJ, and presided over trials despite incredible health challenges. I often told her that she was the toughest person that I have ever met."



Superior Court also grieved the passing of the **Hon. David W. Soukup**. He was appointed to the King County Superior Court bench by Gov. Dan Evans in 1969. At the time, he was youngest superior court judge in state history.

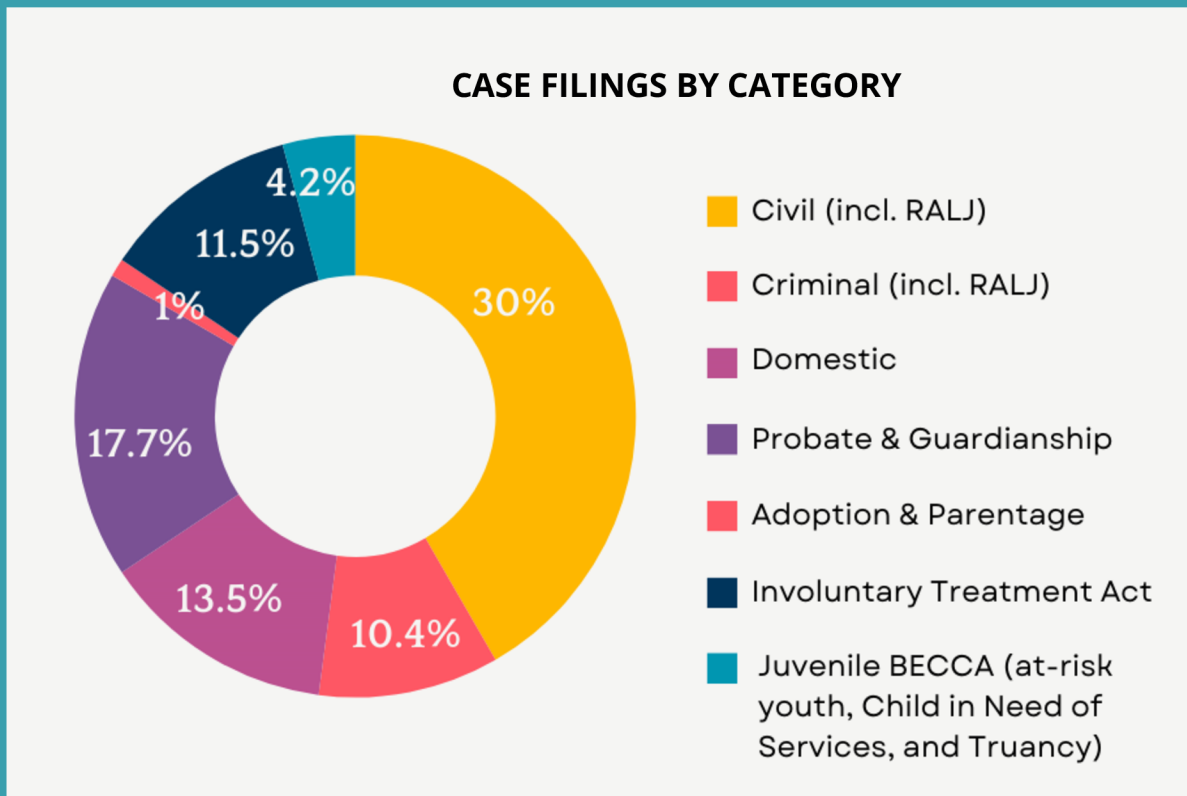
In 1977, he created Court Appointed Special Advocates, or CASA. After retiring from the bench, Judge Soukup became a CASA volunteer, which he called "an extraordinary experience. Both the hardest—and the best—thing I've ever done."

IN MEMORIAM



The **Hon. Terry Lukens**, a King County Superior Court judge from 1999 to 2005, passed away. During his time on the bench Judge Lukens had a huge impact. He was Chief Judge of the Maleng Regional Justice Center, member of the Executive Committee, and chair of the Budget Committee. He had been a partner at the Karr Tuttle law firm, a Bellevue City Councilmember, and Mayor. After his judicial service, he joined JAMS, where he became a sought-after mediator and arbitrator in corporate and real estate cases.

Many remember Judge Lukens for the kindness, patience, and unfailing professionalism he displayed both on and off the bench.



CASELOAD, PERFORMANCE, AND BUDGET

The COVID-19 pandemic had a residual impact on KCSC, 2023 statistics show.

- Filings were the highest since the COVID pandemic, but still lower than the pre-COVID level.
- The overall resolution volume was the highest since 2019, but still lower than the pre-COVID level.
- Criminal pending continued to decrease due to a combination of higher disposition volume and a lower filing volume in 2023. It is the first time that the criminal pending caseload was under 4,000 cases since the COVID pandemic.
- Criminal filings comprise 10% of the overall filings in Superior Court.
- A significant portion of the pending criminal cases are charged with serious crimes in homicides, sex crimes, burglary 1st degree, and assaults (1st and 2nd degree).
- The court had more trials in 2023 than 2022, totaling 913 trials (241 jury trials and 672 non-jury trials) in 2023. The court had 17 more jury trials and 78 more non-jury trials when compared to 2022.

CASE FILINGS

When compared with 2022, notable increases in 2023 filings occurred in civil (up 25.2%), and juvenile offense cases (up 44.6%). The increase in civil cases was primarily due to the resumed filing in unlawful detainer and the rise in civil protection petitions. Filing in juvenile offense cases has shown a significant uptick in the last two years. The court received twice as many of juvenile offense cases in 2023 than in 2021 (723 cases in 2023 vs. 356 cases in 2021).

Case Type	2022	2023	Change from 2022
Criminal (Incl. RALJ)*	5009	4954	-1.1%
Civil (incl. RALJ)*	15,849	19,839	25.2%
Domestic	5,999	6,369	6.2%
Probate & Guardianship	8,705	8,586	-1.4%
Adoption and Parentage	710	651	-8.3%
Involuntary Treatment Act	5665	5541	-2.2%
Dependency & Termination	565	470	-16.8%
Becca/Truancy/Other	1,422	2,039	43.4%
Juvenile Offender	500	723	44.6%
Total Judicial Filings	44,424	49,172	10.7%

**RALJ: appeals from courts of limited jurisdiction. Data source: KC Script*

CASE RESOLUTIONS

A case is resolved if all issues in the complaint are fully adjudicated.

Case Type	2022	2023	Change from 2022
Criminal (incl. RALJ)	4,778	5,459	14.3%
Civil (incl. RALJ)	15,224	18,141	19.2%
Domestic	6,145	6,060	-1.4%
Probate & Guardianship	8,301	8,247	-0.7%
Adoption & Parentage	733	628	-14.3%
Involuntary Treatment Act	5,924	5,406	-8.7%
Dependency & Termination	494	547	10.7%
Becca/Truancy /Other	689	1346	95.4%
Juvenile Offender	399	718	79.9%
Total Judicial Resolutions	42,687	46,552	9.1%

**RALJ: appeals from courts of limited jurisdiction. Data Source: KC Script*

CLEARANCE RATE

Clearance rate describes the relationship between case filings and case resolutions. A positive rate means more cases were resolved in a particular category than were filed. Ideally, the number of cases resolved would equal or exceed the number of cases filed. (Data source: KC Script)

Case Type	2022	2023	Change from 2022
Criminal (incl. RALJ)	-5%	10%	15%
Civil (incl. RALJ)	-4%	-9%	-5%
Domestic	2%	-5%	-3%
Probate & Guardianship	-5%	-4%	1%
Adoption & Parentage	3%	-4%	-7%
Involuntary Treatment Act	5%	-2%	-7%
Dependency & Termination	-13%	16%	13%
Becca/Truancy/ Other	-52%	-34%	18%
Juvenile Offender	-20%	-1%	19%
Total	-4%	-5%	-1%

TRIAL ACTIVITY

A trial is a hearing set before a judge or jury in which all the issues in the case are meant to be resolved. A trial normally includes opening statements to the court or jury stating what evidence will show, introduction of witnesses and exhibits for direct and cross examination, final arguments to the court or jury in which counsel argue both the evidence and the law, and judgment by the court or jury stating what the facts of the case are and what law applies to the facts. In a jury case, it also includes the selection of the jury. A trial can be held for one or more cases. A single trial may be held to adjudicate more than one case (as defined above).

A hearing is reported as a non-jury trial if an opening statement is made, waived, or reserved.

A trial by affidavit is a trial in which the issues of fact and law are to be determined by the judicial officer based on the agreed statements of facts contained in one or more affidavits. Modifications to child support are one example of this.

The court had more trials in 2023 than 2022, totaling 913 trials (241 jury trials and 672 non-jury trials) in 2023. The court had 17 more jury trials and 78 more non-jury trials when compared to 2022.

Trial Category	2022	2023	Change from 2022
Jury Trials	224	241	7.6%
Non-Jury Trials	591	672	13.7%
Trials by Affidavit	117	96	-17.9%

Data Source: KC Script

PENDING CASELOAD AT YEAR END

A case is defined as pending if it is unresolved and active.

Case Type	2022	2023	Change from 2022
Criminal	4,340	3,974	-8.4%
Civil	6,828	8,075	18.3%
Domestic	4,281	4,404	2.9%
Probate & Guardianshp	1,877	2,113	12.6%
Adoption & Parentage	485	490	1.0%
Involuntary Treatment Act	282	333	18.1%
Dependency/ Termination	544	354	-34.9%
Becca/ Truancy/ Other	1,157	1,820	57.3%
Juvenile	301	302	0.3%
Total	20,095	21,865	8.8%

Data Source: KC Script

Superior Court Budget

2023 EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM AREA		
Civil and Criminal Operations	Includes judges*, commissioners, bailiffs, court reporters, interpreters, arbitration, jury, ex parte, ITA, and adult drug court. Also includes Coronavirus Local Federal Relief Funding (CLFR) for backlog reduction efforts.	\$26,098,000
Juvenile Court	Includes judges*, operations, diversion, probation, interpreters, assessments, and Family Intervention Restorative Services (FIRS).	\$12,470,000
Administration	Includes executive staff, human resources, technology services, finance, facilities, and administrative support.	\$20,233,000
Family Court Operations	Includes commissioners, court coordinators, Unified Family Court, Family Court Services, Family Law Facilitators, Family Treatment Court, Juvenile Dependency, Dependency CASA, Truancy and At-Risk Youth, and Early Resolution Case Management programs.	\$12,748,000
TOTAL		\$71,549,000

**State of WA pays for half the salary and all benefits of judges.*

DJA Budget

2023 EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM AREA		
Caseflow	Includes court clerk services, case processing, electronic document processing, and sealed document coordination.	\$5,063,947
Court Services	Includes courtroom clerks, records access, FTR program management.	\$2,913,266
MRJC/Customer Services	Includes court clerk services, customer service, e-working copies, domestic violence and protection orders.	\$5,299,733
Financial Services	Includes court clerk services, cashiers, judgments, case auditing, disbursements, accounting, LFO collections, and witness payments.	\$4,293,357
Juvenile	Includes court clerk services, case processing, electronic document processing, customer service, records access, dependency publication costs at Juvenile.	\$796,733
Drug Court	Includes case management, treatment expenses, transitional housing expenses, support services, and program management for the adult drug court program.	\$3,020,467
Administration	Includes administration staff, human resources, technology services, payroll, procurement, accounts payable, clerical services, statistical analysis, office equipment costs, intragovernmental services.	\$8,591,657
TOTAL		\$29,979,160

SUPERIOR COURT EMPLOYEES

About 370 people work for King County Superior Court, including full-time and pro-tem or term-limited temporary employees. They work at the King County Courthouse, the Maleng Regional Justice Center, the Judge Patricia H. Clark Children and Family Justice Center, and the Ninth and Jefferson Building. Some Juvenile Court staff work in community-based offices in Federal Way, Bellevue, and Renton.

Courtrooms and corresponding chambers, together with three designated judicial conference rooms, comprise more than 60% of the court's square footage.

Employees work in eight departments: Court Administration, Business and Finance,

Facilities and Security, Human Resources, Information Technology, Court Operations, Family Court Operations, and Juvenile Court Services.

As a separate branch of county government, Superior Court is responsible for much of its own human resources management.

The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) has responsibility for the hiring and supervision of all non-judicial personnel; the daily operations of the court at all locations; all planning functions; and coordination with other law, safety, and justice entities.



COURT ADMINISTRATION

Chief Administrative Officer, Linda K. Ridge

Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Jorene Reiber

*Communications Manager, Amy Roe
Project/Program Manager, Beth Taylor*

*Public Access Specialist, Ronda Bliey
Facilities and Security Manager, Paul Manolopoulos*

*Facilities Specialist, Kirby Pierce
Facilities Technician, Rodrigo Jacinto
Executive Office Manager, Hannah Service*

*Administrative Support, Karissa Zeno
Customer Service Assistant, Carlos Hernandez*

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Business & Finance Director, Steve Davis

Purchasing & Fiscal Specialist, Gary Cutler

Finance & Contracts Administrator, Irving Sanchez Gaona

Finance and Fiscal Systems Specialist, Gina Jacobs

Fiscal Technicians,

Jennifer Peredo

Jose Ramos

Mail Service Assistant, Kristan Johnson

JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

Director, Catherine Cornwall

HUMAN RESOURCES

Director, Judy Hullett

Senior Human Resources Analyst, Gertrude Fuentes

Human Resources Manager, Dr. Yolando Geolingo

Human Resources Technician, Cynthia Williams

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Director, Andy Hill

Applications Supervisor, Hugh Kim

Senior Database Administrator, Rita Napitupulu

Senior Application Developers, Rebecca Sanders

Thang Trinh

Business Analyst, Sathia Vann

Senior Systems Engineers,

Chair-Li Chang

Kevin Daggett

Senior Systems Specialists,

Ted Shaw

Doug Buckmeier

Systems Specialists,

Jerry Ito

Michael Kim

Kawai Tang

Senior Desktop Support,

Angelina Baza

Michelle Croy

Karl Doern

Greg Gardner

Debbie Wagoner

COURT OPERATIONS

Director, Rachael DelVillar
Court Operations Managers,
John Salamony
Cherie Lusk
Court Operations Supervisor,
Nikki Riley
Judicial Technicians,
Patricia Pizzuto
Yen Phung
Customer Service Specialist,
Carlos Hernandez

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