

District Court Judge Position Description - The Thurston County District Court is a court of limited jurisdiction which hears civil, small claims, criminal, and traffic cases.

The civil jurisdictions of District Court, with certain exceptions, is concurrent with Superior Court's maximum claim of \$75,000. The maximum small claim allowed is \$5,000. For criminal cases, District Court judges are able to impose penalties up to \$5,000, and one year in the county jail, or both.

The court hears traffic and criminal citations issued by officers of the Washington State Patrol and the Thurston County Sheriff's Office. The court also conducts all court proceedings for the city of Lacey, and hears jury trials for other municipal courts within Thurston County.



My extensive and diverse twenty-two years experience as judge pro tem, prosecutor and private attorney has given me my appreciation that people touched by the court carry with them many challenges, my intense desire to see the law upheld and equity maintained, and the strong system of values that guide me each day.

Experience, accountability and integrity - these are the values I will bring to the court to hold offenders accountable, respect individual and property rights and administer the court with a careful eye on the taxpayer's money.

I would be honored to have your vote.
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What's the most important thing we look for in a judge? *Experience.* And that's what Greg Rosen offers. Twelve years, Judge Pro Tem, Thurston County District Court. Seven years, substitute Superior Court Commissioner. Seven years, Judge Pro Tem, Olympia Municipal Court. Eight years, deputy prosecutor. Current Superior Court arbitrator. Real experience we need in our new judge.

to the bench...what we need in our new judge.

Greg's active in our community, recently serving as Dispute Resolution Center Board President. He's endorsed by our neighbors, leaders, and elected officials, including Doug Mah, Sam Reed, and Evan Ferber.

Greg's been an attorney for twenty-two years. As assistant attorney general, he's successfully argued before the Washington Supreme Court and Ninth Circuit. Greg's real world experience brings practical wisdom

Greg Rosen has the judicial, legal and practical experience we need to ensure community safety while protecting the constitutional rights of all. www.gregrosenforjudge.com

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Sans possesses the experience, understanding, and family values that all citizens expect. *Sans* has successfully represented thousands of families who have relied on him to help them and their children during some of the toughest times of their lives. *Sans'* 15 year private practice emphasizes family law, real estate law, and debtor/creditor law. *Sans* has been a pro tem judge for the Thurston County District Court for two years. *Sans* is also a certified Guardian Ad Litem.

Sans is a sergeant major in the Army Reserve and he is very proud to have over 30 years of combined active and reserve duty to his credit. *Sans* energetically assists low-income families through his work at the Thurston County Volunteer Legal Clinic and pro bono representation. Please assist *Sans* to continue this line of service by voting for him to be the next Thurston County District Court Judge.

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After growing up in Olympia, I studied law and returned to serve our community. I've served in *every courtroom role* – defender, prosecutor, civil attorney, and judge for Thurston County, Olympia, and Yelm courts. I've represented over 1,000 clients in felonies, misdemeanors, civil suits, and family law.

I'm honored to be endorsed by Chief Justice Gerry Alexander, Justice Mary Fairhurst, Representative Brendan Williams, Commissioner Bob McLeod, and Ralph Munro. When polled, local attorneys overwhelmingly preferred me over all other candidates because – I believe – they know my experience, fairness, and integrity.

As Volunteer Legal Clinic president, I worked for equal access to justice regardless of economic circumstances. With Big Brothers/Big Sisters, I supported programs for at-risk youth.

As judge, I will treat every person with *respect*. I will promote *innovations* like mental health court. I will hold people *accountable*. And I will apply the law with *fairness* for all. www.SamMeyerForJudge.com

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Firm but fair decisions - what our community deserves in a judge. That is how Laura Murphy responds to all aspects of the judicial system. Her diverse experience includes serving as pro tem judge, private attorney (criminal defense and civil litigation), prosecuting attorney and law enforcement officer. (Ret.) Court Commissioner Scott Neilson: "I have observed Laura Murphy in dozens of trials. Her proven knowledge of the law, disposition, and wisdom make her an outstanding judge." As a youth mentor and recipient of the Thurston Council

Cultural Diversity Award, Laura recognizes the necessity of holding offenders accountable while serving the needs of the community.

Dr. Kenneth J. Minnaert: "Laura Murphy has the experience, knowledge and temperament to be an outstanding district court judge. That is why I support her candidacy."

As a youth mentor and recipient of the Thurston Council

Join Court Commissioners Neilson and Adamson and Dr. Minnaert in supporting Laura. Lauramurphyforjudge.com.

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Jamie Moore has the experience, leadership and community values we expect from our judges.

even-handed approach to the courtroom and is a leader in providing access to justice. Jamie is active in our community as co-founder of the Thurston County Volunteer Legal Clinic, past president of Thurston County Bar Association, trainer for the Dispute Resolution Center, and a volunteer in Olympia public schools. Please join your friends, neighbors, and community leaders and vote for Jamie Moore.

As pro tem judge and commissioner in Thurston County Superior and District Courts, and an administrative law judge, Jamie has presided over cases impacting thousands of citizens, and earned a reputation as fair, hard-working, and dedicated. For over twenty years, she has worked on behalf of children, families and individuals in Thurston County as judge, attorney, mediator, and guardian ad litem. Jamie brings a balanced,

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Please refer to both pages 8 & 9 when making your choice.

Q: Why are there TWELVE candidates for District Court Judge?

A: This position did not appear on the Primary ballot.

Due to the timing of this position becoming vacant, state law requires all candidates to appear on the General Election ballot only.

The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be elected.



A Washingtonian, Lynn has demonstrated her depth of knowledge of criminal and civil law for over 27 years. She has shown compassion and empathy as a judicial officer. As Court Commissioner in judging those who have been alleged to suffer from mental disorders, she treats the most vulnerable of our society with dignity and respect. She supports Mental Health Treatment Court.

District Court often is an individual's first contact with the court

system and her ability to listen and allow opportunities to be heard to those who come before her is excellent. With the anticipated increase in civil and criminal cases, she is the most qualified choice with her years of experience. She has the integrity, knowledge, and skills to be fair, reasonable and serve the public with the utmost ability. She is the only candidate who has attended Judicial College. She deserves your vote and will promote justice.

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I am dedicated to increasing the impact and accessibility of rehabilitative options, including the current Mental Health and DUI Courts, and the creation of a Domestic Violence Court. These specialized court systems better serve both offenders and victims. I believe it is necessary to maximize the benefit of taxpayer dollars by streamlining payment and filing systems in both civil and criminal courts, given these economic times.

With over a decade of experience as a legal advocate: defense and

prosecution, civil and criminal, I am dedicated to seeking justice and creative means of ensuring the safety and health of all community members. I will approach my duties as judge with compassion, intellect, and impartiality to best serve our community in the years to come. My endorsements include a wide range of citizens and local leaders, including Sheriff Dan Kimball, Treasurer Robin Hunt, Judge Christine Pomeroy, and Capital Kids Connection. www.jodi4judge.com.

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Expertise, Strength, Fairness and Compassion. As your District Court Judge, I will bring all of these qualities to the bench. As a Pro Tem Judge, I've presided over both criminal and civil trials. As an attorney I've practiced criminal defense, criminal prosecution, civil and family law. I've proven my commitment to my fellow citizens with twenty years of military service and eight years as a public defender. I've provided free legal services to United Community Aids Network (UCAN) clients for ten

years and have been recognized for my fairness and compassion.

District Court is the People's Court and you need a judge for the people. As your judge I will protect your rights and freedoms. I've worn a uniform for my country for 20 years, now it's time for me to wear a robe for my county!

Allow me to continue to serve you when you vote November 4th. Kratz4Judge.com

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Ken is the most experienced candidate running for District Court Judge with 28 years of service in Thurston County representing the public as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and a District Court and Olympia Municipal Court Pro Tem Judge.

Debby Pattin, National Obama Delegate: "When the Congressional Caucus needed a Chair who was fair, impartial and firm, they chose Ken Valz." Ken has spent his career representing the interests of working

people. He is the candidate with the broadest experience in civil and criminal law.

Ken is self employed and knows that your tax money needs to be spent carefully. As a partner in Valz, Houser, Kogut and Barnes, Ken has met a payroll and paid taxes – just like you. Ken Valz is endorsed by Superior Court Judges Rick Strophy and Carol Fuller (Ret.), District Court Judge Larry King (Ret.) and many others. See kenvalzforjudge.com

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Judge Pro Tem Jim Foley, having represented hundreds of folks just like you, for over eighteen years as an attorney, is the best choice for District Court Judge. He understands that voters want an experienced Judge who is intelligent, non-partisan and fair-minded; a judge who knows when people need to be held accountable.

The father of three children, all raised in Olympia, Judge Pro Tem Foley is aware of the needs and challenges within our community. As he

says, "if you come before me deserving a break... you'll get it; but if you come in need of a wake-up call...you'll get that too".

Allow Judge Pro Tem Foley to continue to serve the people of Thurston County as District Court Judge Foley. He is wise and knowledgeable while being compassionate and even-handed. Jim Foley is the right choice for District Court Judge.

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Thank you for reading all of the statements for this position. I am *not* part of the well established web of influence in the local legal community.

Married for 35 years, seventeen years ago I agreed to scale down my legal career to focus on raising our daughter, now graduated with honors from Black Hills High School and South Puget Sound Community College. I proudly served six years in the U.S. Navy, attended The Evergreen State College and the University Of Puget Sound School Of

Law. I have 23 years of legal experience: Private Practice, Thurston County Prosecutor's Office, Washington State Department of Labor and Industries, City of Yelm Assigned Counsel, and City of Rainier Judge Pro Tem.

This position is an excellent opportunity for me to protect and serve the men, women, and children of our community. In my courtroom you will be heard and treated with respect. www.williamrbayness.com

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