

# DISTRICT COURT

## 2026 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Kevin Kelly, Presiding Judge  
Robyn Dunham, District Court Administrator

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Chambers



## KitsapCounty

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# DISTRICT COURT (KCDC)

## ABOUT US

**MISSION**

The mission of the District Court is to administer justice fairly, efficiently and timely. To provide services in a manner that inspires public trust and confidence in the court.

As an independent and impartial branch of government, it is the duty of the judicial branch to provide access to justice, protect rights and liberties and peacefully resolve disputes.



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## DISTRICT COURT EMPLOYEES

District Court has 4 elected officials, 1-0.5 commissioner and 23 FTEs.

### LEADERSHIP TEAM

- Kevin Kelly, Presiding Judge
- Shane Seaman, Assistant Presiding Judge
- Claire Bradley, Judge
- Gina Buskirk, Judge
- Robyn Dunham, Court Administrator
- Justin Ward, Deputy Court Administrator



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## DISTRICT COURT UNITS



### 1. COURT OPERATIONS

Provides staff to assist judges in the courtroom, assist the public at the front counter and on telephones. Includes responding to written requests from various individuals, accepting and processing filings, accepting payments, scheduling matters, providing interpreters, applying for and processing grants, collections, and working with various other county departments in day-to-day operations.

### 2. PROBATION

Monitors compliance with court orders in person and in writing. Regularly working with other agencies and departments to ensure completion of court orders. Report noncompliance to prosecutor's office and court.

### 3. THERAPEUTIC COURTS – BEHAVIOR HEALTH COURT (BHC) & TEACHING, HEALING, RESILIENCE, INDEPENDENCE, VOICE, EMPOWERMENT (THRIVE)

These courts were formed to address the overrepresentation of those with mental illness in our jail. Using a team-based approach the courts help participants with recovery and accountability. Primarily funded through grants and state appropriated funding the employees work with the participants to get appropriate treatment and education to correct behavior and reduce recidivism in the court system.

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## GOALS

### 1. FAIRNESS & IMPARTIALITY

Provide a forum for the impartial resolution of disputes that provides fair and equitable access to the court.

### 2. USING DATA TO DRIVE RESULTS

Using data and statistics to monitor cases, workflow, and drive procedural changes.

### 3. CONTINUE THERAPEUTIC COURTS

Rehabilitate and graduate participants through our therapeutic court programs by providing clear, achievable milestones to support them in building stability and accountability.

### 4. COMPLYING WITH LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

Collaborate with others, in and out of the judicial system, in response to varied legislative changes.

### 5. SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Monitoring compliance with court orders through probation including treatment obligations and restitution obligations to the community and law enforcement.

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## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### THERAPEUTIC COURT CHANGES

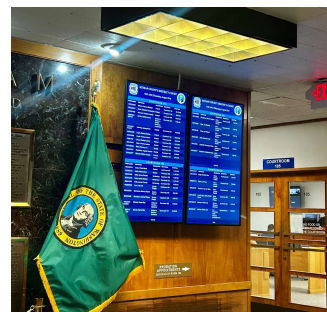
- Transitioned from 4 – 5 phases following the All-Rise model.
- Peer support moved to a program specialist allowing for more peer support involvement not only with participants but in the community.
- 18 total therapeutic court graduations (10/2024-8/2025).

### TECHNOLOGY UPDATES

- Docket monitors added to courthouse lobby
- Data tracking/reports added to case management system.
- Integration with DOL system and with AOC EDR system.

### CIVIL BACKLOG

- Participated in the county summer intern program.
- Intern processed over 11,000 civil documents ending the court's civil backlog that started during COVID.



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### BUDGET SUMMARY

Net elimination from supplies/ services budget line items	\$ 37,422
Position elimination from a reclass/reorganization, FTE reduction	(\$ ) 89,601 - 1 Court Clerk
New revenue or increased revenues as a result of a specific management action	\$ 87,422 Increased probation assessment fees & grant reimbursements
Total fiscal impact	(\$ ) 139,959

*Cut Target: \$147,983*

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# QUESTIONS?



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# THANK YOU!

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