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# SUPERIOR COURT (SCT)

## ABOUT US

### MISSION

The Superior Court is the court of general jurisdiction in Kitsap County, having original and appellate jurisdiction as authorized by the Washington State Constitution and the laws of the State of Washington. The Superior Court is created to resolve criminal felony cases, civil cases, juvenile offender and dependency cases, family law cases including parentage matters and adoptions, adult and minor guardianship matters, domestic violence cases, mental health cases, and appeals from the District and Municipal Courts in Kitsap County.

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### EMPLOYEES

Superior Court proudly serves the Kitsap County community with eight independently elected judges, two appointed court commissioners, and 12.5 non-judicial FTEs.

#### LEADERSHIP TEAM

- Jennifer Forbes, Presiding Judge
- Melissa A. Hemstreet, Asst Pres. Judge
- Kevin D. Hull, Judge
- William C. Houser, Judge
- Jeffrey P. Bassett, Judge
- Michelle Adams, Judge
- Tina Robinson, Judge
- Cadine Ferguson-Brown, Judge
- Frank Maiocco, Court Administrator



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### DIVISIONS

#### 1. COURT ADMINISTRATION

Supports the work of eight (8) elected Superior Court judges and to (2) Court Commissioners, including calendaring, procurement, courtroom support, customer service, payroll, accounts payable, grant reimbursement and contract support.

#### 2. ADULT DRUG COURT

Supervises up-to 150 participants in a treatment-focused program for adults charged with eligible felonies and facing criminal prosecution including eligibility screening; program compliance; treatment progress; moral reconnection therapy (MRT); relapse problem-solving; and individualized wraparound services.

#### 3. VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

Supervises up-to 25 veterans in a treatment-focused program for adults charged with eligible felonies and facing criminal prosecution, including eligibility screening; program compliance; treatment progress; moral reconnection therapy (MRT); relapse problem-solving; and individualized wraparound services.

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## GOALS



### 1. EFFECTIVE CASE MANAGEMENT

Fairly and timely adjudicate criminal, civil, family law and guardianship cases within legally and procedurally prescribed guidelines.

### 2. OUTCOME FOCUSED ADULT TREATMENT COURTS

Fairly and timely adjudicate civil, family and guardianship cases within legally and procedurally prescribed guidelines.

### 3. EFFECTIVE JUDICIAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Coordinate response to new or changing legislative, rule-based and/or caselaw that impacts available judicial calendar time.

### 4. PUBLIC TRUST AND CONFIDENCE

Provide an open, equal, and accessible forum in which all citizens may conduct court business.

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## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### COURT ACCESSIBILITY

- [311 interpreter requests across 19 separate languages, 2025 YTD](#)
- [9 requests for reasonable accommodation under GR 33, 2025 YTD](#)

### TREATMENT COURT PERFORMANCE

- [30 Adult Drug Court graduations, 2025 YTD](#)
- [Continuing recidivism rate under 20 percent for 5 years post-graduation](#)
- [100% of graduates housed and employed or enrolled in further education](#)
- [Continuing fidelity to national evidence-based standards](#)

### IMPROVED PUBLIC WAYFINDING

- [Inexpensive third-party contract to manage displays](#)
- [No cost use of existing automated State CMS reporting tools](#)
- [Coordinated implementation with PEAK Office, Facilities and District Court](#)



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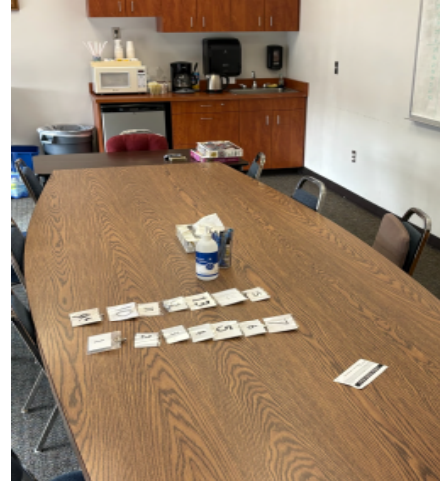
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### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### JUROR SATISFACTION

- 99% of jurors were “Satisfied” (50%) or “Very Satisfied” (49%) with service, [2025 YTD](#)
- “Most liked” about jury service included learning about the judicial process (37%), working with other jurors/citizens (32%), and fulfilling one’s civic duty (26%)
- “Least liked” about jury service included the Court’s use of time (26%), absence of climate controls (20%, and uncomfortable chairs (17%)



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## SUPERIOR COURT

### BUDGET SUMMARY

Net elimination from supplies/services budget line items	(\$) 4,000 Professional Services & Training
Position elimination/change from a reclass/reorganization, FTE reduction	(\$) 130,824 -1 Court Reporter -0.15 FTE into Law Library Fund Reclass Office Support Coordinator
New revenue or increased revenues as a result of a specific management action	\$ 0
Total fiscal impact	(\$) 134,824

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## THANK YOU!



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