



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR BOB FERGUSON

January 17, 2025

**Notice of Judicial Vacancy  
Washington State Court of Appeals,  
Division I**

On January 9, 2025, the Honorable Stephen J. Dwyer announced his retirement from the bench effective April 1, 2025. Governor Bob Ferguson is now seeking interested and qualified members of the Washington State Bar Association to submit applications to fill Judge Dwyer's position in the Court of Appeals, Division I. The Governor's application for judicial appointment, the Uniform Judicial Evaluation Questionnaire, is accepted by the Washington State Bar Association and several minority bar associations for evaluation purposes. It can be downloaded at:

<https://governor.wa.gov/office-governor/office/official-actions/judicial-appointments>

To be considered for this vacancy, applicants are strongly encouraged to promptly submit complete applications, along with a short resume and the Waiver and Authorization to Release Information, and schedule judicial evaluations with the judicial district bar association and the statewide minority bar associations. All applications must be completed and submitted to the Governor's Office by **Friday, February 14, 2025**, with all judicial evaluation ratings submitted to the Governor's Office of Legal Counsel as soon as possible.

Completed applications should be mailed/emailed to the address below:

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