

July 16, 2025

## Notice of Judicial Vacancy Washington State Court of Appeals, Division III, District 2

On July 15, 2025, the Honorable George Fearing announced his resignation from the bench effective January 1, 2026. Governor Bob Ferguson is now seeking interested and qualified members of the Washington State Bar Association to submit applications to fill Judge Fearing's position in the Court of Appeals, Division III, District 2 (consisting of Adams, Asotin, Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Walla Walla, and Whitman counties). The Governor's application for judicial appointment—the Uniform Judicial Evaluation Questionnaire—can be downloaded at: <a href="https://governor.wa.gov/official-appointments">https://governor.wa.gov/official-appointments</a>.

To be considered for this vacancy, applicants should promptly submit the completed Uniform Judicial Evaluation Questionnaire; a brief resume (no more than 3 pages); the information waiver (also found at the link above); and at least two letters of recommendation. Additionally, applicants should seek judicial evaluations from the state bar association and the statewide affinity bar associations. Any judicial evaluation ratings should be submitted to the Governor's Office of Legal Counsel as soon as possible. All applications must be completed and submitted to the Governor's Office by <u>Monday</u>, <u>September 8, 2025</u>.

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

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