



STATE OF WASHINGTON
— OFFICE OF GOVERNOR BOB FERGUSON —

March 31, 2026

Notice of Judicial Vacancy King County Superior Court

On March 30, 2026, the Honorable Karen Donohue announced her retirement from the bench effective June 30, 2026. Governor Bob Ferguson is now seeking interested and qualified members of the Washington State Bar Association to submit applications to fill Judge Donohue's position on the King County Superior Court. The Governor's application for judicial appointment—the Uniform Judicial Evaluation Questionnaire—can be downloaded at: <https://governor.wa.gov/official-actions/judicial-appointments>.

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. Applicants are strongly encouraged to obtain ratings from the judicial district bar association and statewide affinity bar associations. Completed applications must be submitted to the Governor's Office by **April 30, 2026**. Any judicial evaluation ratings should be submitted as soon as possible.

Completed applications and ratings should be emailed to Chief Legal Counsel Kristin Beneski at Judicial@gov.wa.gov.