



STATE OF WASHINGTON
— OFFICE OF GOVERNOR BOB FERGUSON —

April 30, 2026

Notice of Judicial Vacancy Thurston County Superior Court

On April 30, 2026, the Honorable Carol Murphy announced her retirement from the bench effective July 1, 2026. Governor Bob Ferguson is now seeking interested and qualified members of the Washington State Bar Association to submit applications to fill Judge Murphy's position on the Thurston 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 **Monday, May 25, 2026**. Please note that this deadline falls on the Memorial Day holiday. 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.