



STATE OF WASHINGTON
— OFFICE OF GOVERNOR BOB FERGUSON —

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Notice of Judicial Vacancy Yakima County Superior Court

The Legislature has statutorily authorized a ninth superior court judge for the Yakima County Superior Court. See SB 5868 (2026) (amending RCW 2.08.063). Further, the Governor's Office has been advised that Yakima County has authorized funding for this position. Governor Bob Ferguson is now seeking interested and qualified members of the Washington State Bar Association to submit applications for appointment to the upcoming vacant position on the Yakima 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 **Sunday, July 5, 2026**. Please note that this deadline falls at the end of the Independence Day holiday weekend. Any judicial evaluation ratings should be submitted as soon as possible.

Completed application materials, recommendation letters, and ratings should be emailed to Chief Legal Counsel Kristin Beneski at Judicial@gov.wa.gov.