STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR BOB FERGUSON

October 7, 2026

Amended Notice of Judicial Vacancy
Spokane County Superior Court

On June 8, 2026, the Honorable Annette Plese announced her retirement from the bench effective September 18, 2026. Governor Bob Ferguson is still seeking interested and qualified members of the Washington State Bar Association to submit applications to fill Judge Plese's position on the Spokane 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 appointment to fill 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, November 1, 2026**. 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.

Please note: Candidates who have previously applied for a judicial appointment must inform the Governor's Office of their interest in being considered for this vacancy, and must either re-attest to the accuracy and completeness of their prior application materials or update their application materials as appropriate. Applicants who submitted a Judicial Evaluation Questionnaire prior to January 30, 2026, must complete and submit an updated Uniform Judicial Evaluation Questionnaire.