

# King County Democrats 2009 Judicial Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name	Anne L. Ellington
Position sought	Judge, Court of Appeals Division One, Pos. 3
Residence LD	37
Are you the incumbent?	yes
<b>Campaign Information</b>	
Campaign Name	Retain Judge Anne Ellington
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Manager	At present, self
Campaign mailing address	
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Campaign FAX	

Candidate Background: Community service, education, employment and other relevant experience.
Which undergraduate and law schools have you attended? Include Graduation date, degrees.
University of Colorado, BA 1969
University of Washington, JD 1974

Hours and types of pro bono work performed.  
As an attorney (before 1984), many, principally in family law and women's issues

Have you ever been a prosecutor for any government entity? If yes, where and how long?  
I was an extern in the King County prosecutor's office summer 1973 and worked on adoption issues

Have you ever defended a person accused of a crime? If yes, where and how many cases?  
I was a Rule 9 intern at the Public Defender winter 1973-4 and handled perhaps 6 misdemeanor cases.

Have you ever served as an arbitrator or Mediator? If yes, where and how many times?  
I was frequently an arbitrator in Seattle but cannot say how many times. As a Superior Court judge I performed numerous settlement conferences.

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How many times have you participated as a judge or attorney in:	
Municipal Court	As an intern--6
District Court	As a judge pro tem--10 calendars(?)
Superior Court jury trials	Full time from 11/84-5/95. (Not all were jury trials.)
Arguments in Court of Appeals	Full time from 5/95-present. Approx 2500+
Arguments in State Supreme Court	Approx 6
Federal District Court trials	none

What ratings and endorsements have you received?	
Municipal League	
King County Bar Association	Exceptionally well qualified (last campaign, 1995--current ratings pending)
Washington Women Lawyers	Same
Loren Miller Bar Association	same
QLAW: the GLBT Bar Association	same
Latina/Latino Bar Association	same
Joint Asian Judicial Evaluation Committee	same

**Which organizations and individuals have endorsed you in this race?**  
 Just starting on this. I was appointed by Governor Lowry and endorsements last campaign included Gov. Gary Locke, Gov. Booth Gardner, KC Labor Council, Women's Political Caucus

**Which judicial candidates have you endorsed in the past five years?**  
 Mary Fairhurst. Debra Stevens, Susan Owens, Garry Alexander, Charles Johnson, Mary Kay Becker, Linda Lau, Paris Kallas, Susan Craighead, Timothy Bradshaw, Regina Cahan, Jean Rietschl, Barbara Mack, Bruce Heller, Catherine Shaffer, probably others

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Have there ever been any successful claims made against you or your malpractice carrier? If "yes" please attach explanation.

no

List any complaints you have received through any Bar Association, Judicial Conduct Committee or Board, or private insurance carrier. (Attach on a separate sheet of paper.)

none

What is your strongest area of legal expertise?

Now, it is appellate practice and decision making. Previously, I practiced employment discrimination, personal injury and family law and then served on the trial bench for 10+ years.

What recommendations do you have for improving court system funding and administration?

Fees and fines are not the answer to court funding; we need to establish adequate permanent sources. I am not a proponent of a full unified system funded by the State, having experienced some of the difficulties a central administration can pose for local courts. I have been involved in all aspects of court administration and have long concentrated upon access to justice. Most recently I have concentrated on improving access for persons who have disabilities.

What actions have you taken in the last five years on issues regarding access to the judicial system?

I chaired the ATJ Committee on Impediments to Justice, which works on identifying and eliminating barriers to access for ordinary citizens. My most recent project has been "Ensuring Equal Access for People with Disabilities: A Guide for Washington Courts."

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What recommendations do you have for increasing access to the judicial system (Civil and Criminal)?

See above. We must also expand pro bono and appointed civil counsel.

If a sitting Judge, what committees have you been appointed to and what are the significant accomplishments of those committees or yourself? If not, which committee assignments would you seek?

I am past chair and member of the ATJ Board Access to Justice Impediments Committee. I served on the ATJ Technology Bill of Rights drafting committee. I was a member of the Sentencing Guidelines Commission and its Chair 1986–91. At Superior Court I served as chair of Budget, Interbranch Coordinating, Family Law, Mental Illness, and Adoption Committees, and was chair of the Plan Drafting Committee of the Delay Reduction Task Force. I served on the executive committee 1986–1994. I was the first woman to be elected Presiding Judge (1994–5) and was elected Assistant Presiding Judge 1990–4. On the Court of Appeals I chaired the Division One Delay Reduction Committee and Caseload Management Committee and the all-court Appellate Education Committee. Significant accomplishments of these groups includes successful delay reduction programs on both courts, security in the courts, greatly improved access to the courts.

Have you reviewed the General Rule Definition of the Practice of Law, and the Practice of Law Board's Work? – Do you have comments or ideas? Would you be in favor of the proposed Legal Technician Rule? This rule allows trained, tested and licensed non-lawyers to provide specifically defined legal services without supervision by a lawyer. Please explain.

Generally, yes and yes. I was a proponent of unbundling legal services also.

Have you been appointed as a guardian or Guardian Ad Litem? If "yes", please give the details?

Yes, as a young lawyer, but not in many years.

How have you promoted diversity within your staff?

My personal staff is small (presently, 3 women). I have been a strong promoter of diversity within court staff for 25 years.

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What are the main messages of your campaign? What is your campaign plan? How many doors have you knocked on to date, pieces of mail planned, budgeting, staffing? What is the fundraising goal for your campaign? How much have you raised to date? Why will you win?

I am just beginning a campaign. My messages will relate principally to the mission of the appellate courts, which is often misunderstood, and to the issues of improving access to the courts and to justice. My fundraising goal will depend somewhat on my opponent, about whom I know little. I will win because I have broad support in the legal community and the community at large, as demonstrated by prior campaigns. I have been honored by various bar associations, the University of Washington Law School, community organizations.

I have read this questionnaire and understand and approve the content and all provided information.

Printed Name	Anne Ellington	Date
Signature		6/5/09