

State Supreme Court



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Education: B.A. Harvard University; J.D. University of Washington
Occupation: Attorney in private practice specializing in constitutional law.
Professional Qualifications: Jim Johnson has argued over 70 appellate level cases, including cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, the State Supreme Court, three U.S. Appeals Courts, and every Washington State Appeals Court. **This makes Jim Johnson the most qualified candidate to run for the state supreme court in a generation. Jim Johnson is endorsed by Justice Richard Sanders and State Auditor Brian Sonntag.**

Personal Information: Jim Johnson is a fourth generation Washingtonian. He and his wife Kathy live in Olympia, they have two grown Daughters. Jim enjoys distance running, boating, hunting, fishing and opera. Jim volunteered for service in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and served from 1971 to 1973 at Fort Lewis.

Community Involvement: YMCA Century Member

Personal Views: **Jim Johnson is committed to a fair and impartial judiciary. He will not legislate from the bench.** Jim Johnson has made the defense of our state constitution the focus of his legal career. He is currently best known for defending the blanket primary system. Jim Johnson authored the property tax relief initiative I-747, passed by voters last year. Jim defended several of the state's most prominent initiatives before the Supreme Court.



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Occupation: Lawyer.

Professional Qualifications: 23 years licensed as attorney at law in State of Washington.

Personal Information: Born and raised at Lake Chelan. Visit stanmorse.com on the Internet for my numerous newspaper and periodical articles and published photographs.

Community Involvement: Word limit precludes answer.

Personal Views: If your case comes before the Washington State Supreme Court, who do you want to hear your story? Don't you want a justice whose law practice included cases similar to yours? Since 1979, I've practiced law on both sides of the Cascades, helping people with adoptions, marriage dissolutions, real estate transactions, small businesses, criminal matters, accidents, probates, wills, and much more. Don't you also want someone who understands first-hand what it is to struggle? I've been in a wheelchair since 1972, the result of a snow skiing accident. So you'll find more than just an "educated ear" when I hear your story from the bench. You'll find someone who truly listens and understands because he has traveled a hard road and knows the importance of fair treatment. I will listen. I will write straightforward opinions that provide clear guidance on the law. I look forward to serving you.

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Education: B.A., Brown University; J.D., New York University; Law Fellowship, Georgetown University
Occupation: Superior Court Judge
Professional Qualifications: Judge Michael Spearman is the only candidate with both judicial and trial attorney experience. None of his opponents has ever served as a judge, before seeking election to our state's highest court. Judge Spearman has earned a strong reputation as a **fair and impartial judge**, with an open mind and a commitment to facts and law. He has handled over 10,000 criminal and civil cases in his nine years as judge. **Before winning judicial appointment and three elections**, he dedicated his career to public service, working as a non-profit criminal law and family law attorney. **Judge Spearman is the only candidate rated "Exceptionally Well Qualified," the highest possible rating, by six attorney associations, including Washington Women Lawyers.** He's endorsed by 130 judges statewide, six current and former Supreme Court Justices, former Governors Rosellini, Spellman, Evans, and Lowry, and the Washington Association of Chiefs of Police and Sheriffs.
Personal information: Married with two children. Our State Supreme Court has nine justices, including four women. **If elected, Judge Spearman will be the only non-white member of the court.**
Community Involvement: He is a proven leader on **domestic violence and juvenile crime issues.**
Personal Views:



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Education: B.A. with honors and law degree with high honors from Gonzaga.
Occupation: Senior Assistant Attorney General
Professional Qualifications: For eighteen years, Mary Fairhurst has served Washington citizens—clerking two years in the Supreme Court and working sixteen years in the Attorney General's office in criminal justice, transportation, taxation and labor.
Personal Information: Mary comes from a large family which places great value on fairness, service and the dignity of every man, woman and child. She loves playing with her twelve nieces and nephews and Mariners baseball.
Community Involvement: Mary served as President of the Washington State Bar Association, on the Bar Board of Governors and as President of Washington Women Lawyers. She serves on the Supreme Court's Gender and Justice Commission. She supports and volunteers at Thurston County's Volunteer Legal Clinic. Mary helped organize two statewide Domestic Violence Summits, a Youth Violence Summit and two conferences dealing with sex offenders in the community. She also worked on a constitutional amendment to give crime victims more rights.
Personal Views: I am running for justice because the Supreme Court plays a very important role in the lives of all Washington citizens. I will work hard to ensure our legal system treats people fairly, equally and protects everyone's basic rights and opportunities.