

State Supreme Court

Justice No. 6



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Education: Juris Doctorate University of Puget Sound; BA English Literature University of Washington

Occupation: Judge/Attorney

Professional Qualifications: First served as a judge over 16 years ago presiding in Municipal Courts, District Courts and Superior Courts. He has been admitted to practice in the *US Supreme Court, US Court of Appeals, US District Court, US Court of Military Appeals, US Court of Claims, Court of International Trade, US Tax Court and all Washington Courts.*

Personal Information: Married to Loucinda, (high school sweetheart) 25 years. Three sons who all attend the same public schools Jim and Loucinda attended. Jim has been a Prosecutor, Defender, Civil Attorney, Hearing Examiner, Arbitrator and Judge.

Community Involvement: WSBA Law Examiners Committee (appointed to write and grade Bar Examination); National League of Cities Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy Committee; Snohomish County Law and Justice Council; Judges Association Education Committee and Court Rules Committee, Volunteer Attorneys for Persons With AIDS, Immigration Rights Task Force, Northwest Women's Law Center Speaker's Committee, Board of Directors, Washington State Commission on Law Related Education; Edmonds City Council; Cultural Arts, Stadium Convention District Governing Board

Personal Views: *"In all that the people can individually do as well for themselves, government ought not to interfere."* Abraham Lincoln. *God Bless our Troops and America.*

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Education: Jurisdoctorate, University of Wisconsin.

Occupation: Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Professional Qualifications: Steve has fought for the rights of *all*, not just some, of the people for 23 years as a prosecutor in Pierce County and for 5 years in federal court. A constitutional expert, he brings vast experience, having successfully handled many thousands of cases, including prosecutions of drug dealers, violent criminals, and murderers. He has significant civil experience serving the underprivileged in two legal services programs. His integrity and fairness have earned him the respect of those who oppose him in court.

Personal Information: Steve and wife, Carolyn, share two children, Taylor, 7 and Lydia, 8. Steve also takes great pride in two older sons. Born on our nation's poorest reservation he overcame the cycle of poverty through work and sacrifice.

Community Involvement:

Personal Views: The most qualified candidate, Steve brings both a strong prosecutorial background and the personal experience to understand the need for fairness. He understands the need to protect the accused and to restrain the power of the government, as well as the need for the government to protect people. He has protected the rights of victims and communities. He will bring fairness and impartiality to the court and not extremist personal views or ideology.

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Education: UW, 1971; UPS Law School, J.D. with Honors, 1978.

Occupation: Solo lawyer advising businesses and individuals.

Professional Qualifications: Integrity, courage, intelligence, diligence, common sense and values. Challenged judicial guardianship practices in 1995, prompting statewide reforms. Exposed a corrupt local judge in 1996 who was removed in 1999, but in 2003 Doug was wrongly punished for that.

Personal Information: Age 55. Three adult sons.

Community Involvement: Leadership positions in New Phoebe House (womens' shelter), American Red Cross local chapter, Crystal Mt. Ski Patrol, Kiwanis, Mountaineers. Committees for public schools and public utilities; neighborhood crime patrol; youth athletics; church activities.

Personal Views: Integrity of our judicial system must be our highest priority. Corrupt and dishonest judges should *not* be sheltered by other judges and lawyers. Citizens should press the State Supreme Court to restore lawyer conduct rules that **protect and serve the public**. Lawyers should reveal ongoing fraud and serious crime, child abuse, elder abuse, perjury, governmental corruption, and information to prevent likely serious harm to others. Lawyers should reveal when clients have misused them to further lawlessness. The present 1980s rules were written by lawyer guilds (American Bar Association and trial lawyer fraternities) to protect and serve lawyers and their clients. Many scholarly articles condemn such self-serving so-called "ethics rules."

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Education:

Occupation:

Professional Qualifications:

Personal Information:

Community Involvement:

Personal Views: *"The protection of our constitutional liberties is more important now than at any time in our generation."* - Justice Richard Sanders. **Keep the People's Judge on the Supreme Court.** Justice Richard Sanders fights to protect the rights of the people of Washington. He knows the Washington Constitution protects our rights more than federal law. Justice Sanders' courageous opinions help to restrain the power of the state over our lives and protect our civil liberties. **Experience for the People:** Justice Sanders has served nine years on the Supreme Court. He has written over 300 opinions — more than any other Justice during that time. His comprehensive and compassionate understanding of the law protects us all. **Standing Up for Us:** Before being elected to the Court, Justice Sanders was a practicing attorney, fighting for the rights of citizens. Today, he defends those rights from the bench. **Broad-Based Support:** Justice Sanders was a featured speaker at all three state political conventions this year: Republican, Libertarian and Democratic. Sanders attracts support that cuts across the spectrum, with endorsements including; the State Republican and Libertarian Parties; Democratic Senators; the Teamsters Union; the Association of Washington Business; the Farm Bureau; civil libertarians—and more than 1,000 endorsers.

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Education:

Occupation:

Professional Qualifications:

Personal Information:

Community Involvement:

Personal Views: Former Superior Court Judge Fred L. Stewart is seeking election to the Washington State Supreme Court. Judge Stewart's extensive and varied experience both in the practice of law and in the judiciary of the State of Washington make him exceptionally well qualified for this position. Judge Stewart's background and experience includes the following: Superior Court Judge for the State of Washington, Stevens, Pend Oreille and Ferry Counties, 12 years; Served as Judge pro tempore on the Washington State Court of Appeals, Division I; Served as alternate member of the Washington State Commission on Judicial Conduct; Prosecuting Attorney, Stevens County, 4 years; Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Yakima County, 5 years; Practice of law in Yakima and Stevens Counties for a total of 23 years, including civil litigation, real estate, domestic relations, business law, estate planning and criminal law; Graduate of the University of Washington School of Law; Attended the National Judicial College. Judge Stewart has an ongoing dedication to the people of the State of Washington and its judicial system. He is committed to the principle of an independent and impartial judiciary free from partisan politics. He and his wife, Beda, reside in Olympia. They have 3 children and 7 grandchildren.

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Education: Washington State University, University of Puget Sound Law School

Occupation: Attorney since 1975.

Professional Qualifications: Assistant Attorney General: 1+ year. Superior Court Judge in Pierce County: 12+ years; Legal Counsel & Administrative Officer for Booth Gardner when Governor & Pierce County Executive: 8+ years. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: 7 years. U.S. Army, 1st Lieutenant: 3 years.

Personal Information: Age 57, born and raised in Wenatchee, WA, married 34 years to Laurie, 3 adult children.

Community Involvement: My wife and I attend Lighthouse Christian Center in Puyallup; past member: State Employees Insurance Board, Higher Education Finance Authority.

Personal Views: Court decisions impact all of us; we need to feel safe and secure. I have years of experience as a trial judge, and a willingness to improve the law and our courts. Health care insurance costs concern me; I understand the factors behind them.

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