

# District Court



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## Division No. 2, District No. 1, Position No. 2

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**Education:** J.D., University of Puget Sound School of Law, 1979; B.A., University of Washington, 1971; R.N., Shoreline College, 1973.

**Occupation:** Judge, State Court of Appeals, 1993-present.

**Professional Qualifications:** As Chief Judge in 1997-1999, Judge Houghton successfully worked to reduce the court's backlog of cases. While performing her own job, Judge Houghton volunteered for two months as a Pierce County Superior Court judge when that court was shorthanded following the removal of a judge.

**Personal Information:** Judge Houghton and her two daughters live in Puyallup. She enjoys fly-fishing, hiking, kayaking, and gardening.

**Community Involvement:** Judge Houghton volunteers for the Puyallup School District Business Week program and senior board reviews. Judge Houghton teaches at the People's Law School because she believes in helping people better understand how the legal system works. She is also a member of Quota International of Tacoma (charitable service organization) and City Club of Tacoma.

**Personal Views:** I am honored to be an elected judge and represent you on the Court of Appeals. During my nine years as a judge, achieving the highest principles of justice – fairness and integrity – have been my top priority. Also, I have kept my commitment to make our courts work more efficiently. Thank you for your consideration.