

January 2010 Bar News

2010 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

The 2010 Executive Committee is: Presiding Judge Bryan Chushcoff, Judges: Ronald Culpepper, Thomas Felnagle, Lisa Worswick, Kitty-Ann van Doorninck.

2010 CRIMINAL DIVISION PRESIDING JUDGES

CDPJ will be shared in 2010; Judge Vicki Hogan will take the first half of 2010 and Judge Linda Lee will assume the second half. During their tenure as CDPJ, they will be located in Courtroom 260.

2010 JUVENILE COURT JUDGES

Judge Beverly Grant has taken over as Presiding Judge and Judge Kitty-Ann van Doorninck assumed the position of Assistant Presiding Judge at Remann Hall.

2010 DRUG COURT JUDGE

Judge Gary Steiner begins 2010 as the drug court judge but the judge may change as the year progresses.

2010 FAMILY COURT JUDGES

Judge John Hickman and Judge Kathryn Nelson are the family court judges.

2010 PRESIDING COURT COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Foley will be The Presiding Court Commissioner

GUARDIAN AD LITEM CERTIFIED REGISTRIES

Applications for the RCW 26.09 Guardian ad Litem/Parenting Investigator and the RCW 11.88 Guardian ad Litem Certified Registries will be accepted January 1, 2010 through March 24, 2010. Both Certified Registries are effective July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011. You may obtain your application packet in Superior Court Administration, 334 County City Building, Tacoma, WA 98402 or on the website at: www.co.pierce.wa.us/superior

Only applications with the revision date of 11/9/09 will be accepted. All new applicants and former registry members not currently serving on the RCW 11.88 Certified Registry and the RCW 26.09 Guardian ad Litem/Parenting Investigator Certified Registry must complete the "new applicant" application packet and supply all written documentation including a resume. All current members on the Certified Registries must complete the "renewal" application packet, submit a resume, and an updated residential history. The application period closes on Friday, March 24, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. All application must be submitted by the close of business to the Superior Court Administrator. No late applications shall be considered. If you have not attended the required training by the application closing date, you may timely submit your application and indicate when and where you will be attending the training. Once the training is completed, you must immediately forward a copy of your Certificate of Attendance to the Superior Court Administrator.

2009 PRO TEM SETTLEMENT VOLUNTEERS

Attention Superior Court Pro Tem Volunteers: Please put January 27, 2010, on your planner for noon in Room 100 for an appreciation lunch for all your hard work in 2009. Your contribution to the justice system is truly appreciated by those who have benefited from your good work. Scores of civil cases have been settled in a timely fashion which would otherwise still be floundering in the system. We will have year end figures to share. The Pro Tem Committee hopes to see you there. Please call 798.3605 to RSVP.

COMMISSIONERS' SHOW CAUSE CALENDARS

Please show up by 9:30 a.m. and check in with the in court clerk (not CSD) if you are scheduled to be in another courtroom.

LOCAL COURT RULE CHANGES

Please note in the recognition of fiscal constraints, all proposed local court rule changes will be published on the Superior Court website at: www.co.pierce.wa.us/superior then click on Proposed Local Rule Changes. Submit any comments on the proposed rule changes within the timeframe set forth on the website.

WANTED ATTORNEYS WILLING TO REPRESENT MINORS IN SEXUAL ASSAULT PROTECTION ORDER (PRO BONO)

If you are willing to represent minors in sexual assault protection order matters, pro bono, please submit your interest to Andra Motyka, Superior Court Administrator, 930 Tacoma Avenue South, Room 334, Tacoma, WA 98402.

COURTHOUSE TOUR VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Pierce County Superior Court is hoping to find energetic people that have some time to share with their community as a Courthouse Tour Guide. Introducing students to court and court proceedings can be a life changing experience and volunteers are critical to make this happen. This opportunity is a rewarding and enjoyable community service for the children and youth of Pierce County. Training will be provided. Retired educators and people from the legal community are encouraged to apply. For more information, please call 798-3654, press 7.