

CONGRATULATIONS - MUCH TO CELEBRATE

- ◆ Superior Court bid Judge Lisa Worswick farewell with her appointment to the Court of Appeals, Division II bench. Judge Worswick was with Superior Court since 2002 and during that time she served on numerous committees including the Court's Executive Committee. While she will be missed, all wish her well in her newest endeavor!
- ◆ Superior Court congratulates Judge James Orlando on receipt of this year's Judge of the Year award presented on May 6 from the Washington State Association for Justice (formerly Washington State Trial Lawyers Association). The award is presented to "a judge, who through the exercise of outstanding judicial ruling or leadership, promotes our civil justice system to serve the people.
- ◆ Superior Court congratulates Judge Stephanie Arend on receipt of this year's Liberty Bell award given by the Young Lawyers Division of the Pierce County Bar. Each year the Young Lawyers, select one "lawyer" (or judge) and one non-lawyer who promote greater respect and better understanding of the law, embody responsibility and contribute to good government.
- ◆ On May 12, Governor Gregoire appointed Edmund Murphy of the Pierce County Prosecutor's Office to one of the vacant Superior Court positions. The Governor also appointed Elizabeth Martin of Gordon Thomas Honeywell LLP to the second vacant Superior Court position. Both began their training in mid May. With those two appointments, the Superior Court bench returns to 22 judges!

LINX NATURE OF HEARING OPTIONS – HERE AT LAST!

If you have not already seen the new "Nature of Hearing" options when e-filing a Note for Commissioners Calendar or Note for Judge's Motion docket, you will see this the next time you login to our LINX public web site. Going forward you will be required to select one or more "Nature of Hearing" option for some proceeding types when setting a hearing on the Commissioners' Show Cause calendars and Judges' Friday Motion calendars. The major benefits gained from this change for the bar and the court is:

1. Providing these additional options allows attorneys and pro se litigants to combine multiple issues and schedule them to be heard with one hearing.
2. Setting one hearing for multiple issues will reduce the issue with Commissioner calendar limits being reached so quickly, pushing next available dates so far in the future.
3. Providing the court with your "Nature of Hearing" information will alert our Judicial Officers as to the issues being brought before the court at your hearing.

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.