



Snohomish County Council

NEWS RELEASE

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Council Taking Applications for Vacant District Court Judgeship

The Snohomish County Council is taking applications for appointment to a vacant seat on the Snohomish County District Court, South Electoral District. The judgeship is vacant due to the recent appointment of Judge Stephen Dwyer to the Superior Court bench. To remain in office the applicant must stand for election in the next general election held in November, 2004. (**See** RCW 3.34.100).

The appointment will be made by the County Council in accordance with state law. Interested attorneys who qualify for appointment are invited to submit a cover letter, resume and "candidate's statement" to the Clerk of the County Council no later than 12 noon on Tuesday, February 17, 2004. The cover letter, statement, and resume must be mailed, e-mailed, or delivered to the Council Clerk at the office of the Snohomish County Council, **Sixth Floor**, County Administration Building, 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett, WA 98201.

To qualify for appointment, an applicant must be (1) a registered voter of the district court district and of the South Electoral District, and (2) a lawyer licensed to practice law in the state of Washington. (**See** SCC 2.12.015, RCW 3.34.060). The South Electoral District includes the cities of Lynnwood, Edmonds, Mountlake Terrace, Brier, Woodway, Mill Creek, parts of Bothell, and adjacent unincorporated areas. A person's voter registration card will indicate residence within the district.

A screening committee will be appointed by the county council and will review the applicants and recommend finalists to the Snohomish County Council for consideration.

The Snohomish County Bar Association is also accepting "candidate's statements" and will conduct a "Bar Poll" to be published in the next edition of the Bar's newsletter. Candidates may provide a written statement of no more than 300 words to the Snohomish County Bar Association. The statement will also be included in the applicant's packet for review by the county screening committee. That statement should be provided in electronic format (MS Word preferred) and an electronic photo in jpeg format and the photo should be formatted for 300 dpi.

Please provide the statement and photo to the following e-mail addresses:
Snohomish County: council.clerk@co.snohomish.wa.us
Bar Association: joycew@snobar.org

Editor's note: This clarifies that the candidate statement and photo will be used as part of the "Bar Poll" normally conducted to assist in filling a vacancy on the court.

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