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## WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL BOARDS AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

## Through January 31, 2025

This list represents all vacancies through January 31, 2025. All appointees must live in Whatcom County and, if applicable, meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position. Vacancies are often filled by reappointment of current members to a second term.

All appointees must complete Open Public Meeting Act training within 90 days of appointment.

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE TREATMENT ACCOUNT PANEL AB2025-055

1 vacancy for a criminal defense bar representative, 4-year term. Current member eligible to reapply.

Meets once per year in January. The CJTA Panel purpose is to reduce sentencing guidelines and create alternatives to treat nonviolent offenders with substance use disorders (SUD). Key provisions of this law included the establishment of the Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA) which is funded via savings by the Department of Corrections for reducing sentences; allocation of funding to counties for treatment and support services for offenders with SUD, and; development of a local criminal justice panel to submit a plan for the disposition of funds.

## <u>Applicant</u>

Starck Follis (incumbent)