



MEMORANDUM

TO: Whatcom County Council

FROM: Council Staff

RE: Draft Interview Questions for District Court Judge Appointment (AB2021-339)

DATE: July 20, 2021

The Whatcom County Council will conduct interviews of District Court Judge applicants. The following are draft interview questions to assist Council with July 27th discussions on the process to appoint a judge, including finalizing interview questions. The first five questions are taken from a previous Council appointment process, and the last question is an additional question.

Draft Interview Questions

1. What do you believe are the central attributes of a good judge?
2. Why do you believe you possess those qualities and what experience do you possess that demonstrates those qualities?
3. What ideas do you have for office and caseload management of the district court?
4. What is the most cost-effective thing the County could do to maintain or enhance the effectiveness of the district court?
5. What role should district court judges have in regards to establishing budget priorities with the County Council and the law and justice system in the County?
6. What changes would you like to make to District Court that could help the people you will be interacting with each day?

Please contact Dana Brown-Davis at ext. 5015 with any questions.