



MEMORANDUM

TO: Whatcom County Council
FROM: Council Staff
RE: Interviews of District Court Judge Applicants (AB2021-474)
DATE: July 29, 2021

The Whatcom County Council will conduct interviews of District Court Judge applicants on August 5, 2021, in a virtual/remote (Zoom) meeting. The interview schedule is as follows:

- 12:30 p.m. – Kimberly Thulin
- 1:00 p.m. – Lisa Keeler
- 1:30 p.m. – Royce Buckingham
- 2:00 p.m. – Melissa Nelson
- 2:30 p.m. – Jeffrey Lustick
- 3:00 p.m. – Angela Anderson
- 3:30 p.m. – Shoshana Paige

Applications, references, evaluations, and other materials are available as attachments to file [AB2021-339](#) on the Legislative Information Center.

Council discussed each interview to be 20 minutes for predetermined interview questions (approximately 3 minutes for each question), followed by 10 minutes of additional information from an applicant and/or a Council break. Interview questions are as follows:

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.