

Judge Kristin Richardson

Judge Richardson was elected to an open seat on the King County Superior Court bench in 2016. Judge Richardson earned her bachelor's degree in journalism from Washington State University. She worked as a newspaper and wire service reporter before attending Willamette University College of Law, where she was Executive Editor of the *Willamette Law Review*. Before taking the bench, she spent 27 years at the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. She tried more than 100 jury trials, including 25 murder trials, and headed the Cold Case Homicide Unit. Judge Richardson also taught trial advocacy as an adjunct professor at Seattle University. Judge Richardson has served on the Washington Pattern Instruction Committee (WPIC) for almost 20 years and was co-chair of the committee for several years. She was a long-time board member and two-term president of Washington Women Lawyer's charitable arm, the WWL Foundation. In 2019, she was awarded WWL's Legacy Award. Judge Richardson also was a longtime board member for Victim Support Services, which provides advocacy and runs the state crisis line. She has served on the Judicial Ethics Committee and Criminal Law / Rules Committee for the Superior Court Judges Association. In King County Superior Court, she has served on the Juror, Family Law, Security, and Personnel Committees as well as ad hoc work groups on case management and courthouse history. She is currently assigned to the Civil case rotation.