

## **The Judges of Department 45**

Department 45 was created in 1990. Two judges have served in the Department.

### **Judge James E. (Jim) Rogers 2005-current**

Judge Rogers currently serves as the Presiding Judge for King County Superior Court. He has presided over cases of all types since election in 2005. He served as the Assistant Presiding Judge from 2016-2018 and the Chief Criminal Judge during 2014-15.

He is a fourth generation Seattleite and third generation Husky. He graduated from the University of Washington in 1982; served in the Peace Corps in Sierra Leone from 1982-84; then graduated from Georgetown University Law Center in 1988. He clerked for Federal Judge Robert J. Bryan from 1988-9; worked in civil practice at the Riddell Williams law firm (now Fox Rothschild) from 1989-94; and the King County Prosecutor's Office from 1994-2004, six years in the Special Assault Unit and three years in the Most Dangerous Offenders Project Unit (homicide unit).

Current Committees: Washington State Supreme Court Committee on Jury Instructions (WPI Committee), Freedom Education Project Puget Sound Board (provides college education and re-entry assistance to women incarcerated in prison). Prior Committees/Board include Washington State Board of Judicial Administration; Sex Offender Policy Board; University Heights Community Center Board; Skills, Inc.

Awards: Pro Bono Service Award, King County Bar Association 1991; American Board of Trial Advocates Judge of the Year 2019.

He is married with two children. He and his family are involved in various family, mountaineering, sports, volunteer, and parish activities.

### **Judge Robert Alsdorf (1990-2005)**

Judge Robert Alsdorf was appointed on July 1, 1990, by Gov. Booth Gardner. During his tenure, he consistently was rated as one of the top judges on the King County Superior Court bench. Judge Alsdorf graduated from Carleton College and Yale Law School, practiced with the civil rights division of the United States Justice Department, and later moved to Seattle where he was in private practice, at Armstrong Alsdorf Bradbury and Maier. After his judicial career, he was a partner at Davis Wright, in residence at Seattle University School of Law, and maintained a successful mediation and arbitration practice. He was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Sierra Leone and later a member of Ploughshares.