

Averil Rothrock

(Judge Rothrock's first name is pronounced with a long a, like April.)

Judge Rothrock joined the King County Superior Court bench on October 28, 2018, upon appointment by Governor Jay Inslee. Since then she has twice been elected to the position, in 2019 and 2020.

Judge Rothrock is honored to serve the people of King County, especially its youth.

Judge Rothrock is a graduate of Garfield High School in Seattle and a lifelong resident of King County. She obtained a B.A. *cum laude* from Colorado College, and obtained her J.D. *cum laude* from Willamette University College of Law. In law school, she served as an Associate Editor of the Willamette Law Review and was awarded the Van Winkle Scholarship for excellence in Constitutional Law.

Before her appointment, Judge Rothrock enjoyed 24 years of private practice in King County, representing clients in civil disputes in Superior Court and developing significant experience in the appellate courts. Judge Rothrock has appeared in the Court of Appeals for the State of Washington more than fifty times and represented clients in multiple matters on review before the Washington State Supreme Court. Judge Rothrock also worked *pro bono* on significant public interest matters for civil rights organizations. Judge Rothrock served on the Executive Committee of the King County Bar Appellate Section for many years, serving as Chair in 2012. She served on the Rules Drafting Task Force of the Washington State Bar Association addressing escalating costs of civil litigation from 2017-2018. She has served as a Trustee for the King County Bar Foundation since 2016, which aligns with her goals of increasing diversity in the profession and promoting solutions and resources for civil legal need.

Judge Rothrock has served on the Criminal Rules Committee of the Superior Court Judges Association and currently serves on the Public Outreach and Family and Juvenile Law committees. For the Superior Court, Judge Rothrock has served on the Local Rules Committee, and now serves on the Jury Committee and Public Outreach committees. To further promote access to justice, she serves as a Trustee for the King County Public Law Library, which undertakes many efforts to assist community members, including self-represented persons, with their legal research and case preparation needs. For the Superior Court Judges Association, Judge Rothrock chairs a work group focused on revisions to the statutes that provide for civil protection orders. She hopes this work will also help self-represented individuals.