

Judge J. Wesley Saint Clair

Judge Saint Clair joined the Criminal Division of the Office of the King County Prosecuting Attorney shortly after his graduation from the University of Washington Law School and his completion of undergraduate work at Yale University. After leaving the prosecutor's office in 1986, he opened a private practice in Bellevue where he specialized in criminal defense work.

Judge Saint Clair was appointed to the Northeast Division of the King County District Court in September of 1991. Judge Saint Clair was elected the Presiding Judge for King County District Court in the fall of 2001 and served as presiding judge until July of 2004, when he was appointed to the King County Superior Court by Governor Gary Locke. In January of 2012, Judge Saint Clair was assigned to the King County Juvenile Court, where he currently presides over Truancies, Juvenile Drug Court, Offender Calendars, and Trials.

Judge Saint Clair has been active in the courts concerning technology advancements as well as in Drug Court programs. He is currently the Chair of the King County Superior Court/Department of Judicial Administration Technology Committee. He has been recognized for his work in the drug courts by the New York Times as well as the drug courts themselves being recognized by the National Association of Drug Courts.

In addition to his work as a Judge, he chairs the Court's Technology Committee where they are currently implementing Electronic Court Orders in Juvenile Courtrooms. He is constantly involved in programs to help the community and is particularly interested in technology and homelessness issues.

In 2003 Judge Saint-Clair was awarded the King County Bar Association's Outstanding Judge of the Year. In January 2009, Judge Saint Clair was the recipient of the King County Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award.