

Judge David Whedbee joined the King County Superior Court bench on September 16, 2019, after Governor Jay Inslee appointed him to the position previously held by Judge Timothy Bradshaw.

Before joining the bench, Judge Whedbee worked for 12 years as a civil rights lawyer representing clients in civil claims and criminal matters, in state and federal courts, at the trial and appellate levels. He focused on constitutional claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983; tort litigation; disability, employment and criminal law; and government transparency and accountability. During this time, he was also a board member and cooperating attorney for the ACLU of Washington, and in 2018 was named Washington's representative to the ACLU's National Board.

After graduating from the University of Washington School of Law in 2004, Judge Whedbee served as a law clerk for U.S. District Court Judge Helen G. Berrigan in the Eastern District of Louisiana and Judge Ronald M. Gould in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. During law school, he also was a judicial extern for U.S. District Court Judge Marsha J. Pechman of the Western District of Washington.

Judge Whedbee has been a resident of Seattle since 1991 after graduating from Pomona College *magna cum laude* with a degree in French and German literature and being recognized as an All-American scholar-athlete in soccer. Judge Whedbee spent several years working with a local immigration lawyer as a paralegal in the 1990s, with a focus on preparing asylum claims for French-speaking Africans among many others from diverse nationalities. An avid record collector, he also worked in alternative radio for the local pioneering station KCMU. In 1997, Judge Whedbee obtained a Master's Degree in international history from the London School of Economics, concentrating on post-WW II independence movements and French decolonization.

Judge Whedbee, a paraplegic after a rock climbing accident in 1997, served as the co-chair of the nascent Disability Law Section of the Federal Bar Association before his appointment. Now on the bench, Judge Whedbee is eager to improve access to Washington courts, physical and otherwise. He serves on the Courts and Community and Local Rules Committees.

Judge Whedbee is honored to share the bench with his esteemed and tireless colleagues, in the service of the people of King County.