

Judge Sandra Widlan

Judge Widlan was appointed to the King County Superior Court bench on April 2, 2018 by Governor Jay Inslee. She assumed the position previously occupied by Hon. Mariane Spearman, who retired from the bench in March of that year.

Judge Widlan began her legal career as a law clerk to Chief Justice Barbara Durham of the Washington Supreme Court. She subsequently worked as a public defender for The Defender Association in Seattle. For the last 17 years of her practice, Judge Widlan worked at the law firm of Schroeter Goldmark & Bender, where she represented clients in civil litigation. She became a partner at Schroeter Goldmark & Bender in 2004.

Judge Widlan earned her Bachelor of Arts degree with Honors from Northwestern University and her law degree from New York University, where she was the recipient of the Arthur Garfield Hays Civil Liberties Fellowship. While in private practice, Judge Widlan was active in the community by volunteering at the free legal clinic at El Centro de la Raza, serving on the board of directors for non-profit organizations that help individuals living with disabilities, and working on bar committees including serving as co-chair of the Civil Rights Section at the Washington State Bar Association. Judge Widlan received the 2018 Outstanding Lawyer Award from the Latina/o Bar Association of Washington.