

History of Judges of the Spokane County Superior Court 1889 – Present

Research done by Judge Michael E. Donohue (Ret.)

Years of Service

Department 1 (1889)

William H. Caulkins (1889-1890)
J.M. Kinnaird (1890-1892)
William G. Langford (1892-1893)
Norman Buck (1893-1897)
Leonard H. Prather (1897-1903)
Henry L. Kennan (1903-1917)
David W. Hurn (1917-1924)
Fred H. Witt (1924-1946)
Carl C. Quackenbush (1946-1958)
William H. Williams¹ (1958-1978)
John J. Ripple (1979-1988)
Robert D. Austin (1988-2009)
Annette S. Plese (2009- Present)

Department 2 (1889)

R.B. Blake (1889-1893)
Jesse Arthur (1893-1897)
W.E. Richardson (1897-1905)
Miles Poindexter (1905-1908)
John D. Hinkle (1908-1913)
Bruce Blake (1913-1924)
William A. Huneke (1924-1940)
Ralph E. Foley (1940-1974)
Harold D. Clarke (1974-1995)
Neal Q. Rielly (1995-2010)
James Triplet (2010-2018)
Charnelle M. Bjelkengren (2019-Present)

¹ Elected to State Supreme Court 11/7/78

Department 3 (1891)

James Z. Moore (1891-1901)
George W. Belt (1901-1909)
J. Stanley Webster (1909-1917)
David W. Hurn (1917-1924)
Joseph B. Lindsley (1924-1938)
Louis F. Bunge (1938-1962)
Willard J. Roe² (1962-1977)
Phillip J. Thompson³ (1978-1983)
John A. Schultheis³ (1983-1993)
Tari S. Eitzen (1994-2014)
Raymond F. Clary (2015-Present)

Department 4 (1907)

E.H. Sullivan (1907-1917)
Hugo E. Oswald (1917-1926)
A. George Avery (1926-1927)
Charles H. Leavey (1927-1937)
Charles W. Greenough (1937-1956)
Hugh E. Evans (1956-1969)
George T. Shields⁴ (1969-1988)
Kathleen M. O'Connor (1988-2016)
Julie M. McKay (2016-Present)

² Appointed to Court of Appeals 1/1/78

³ Elected to Court of Appeals 11/1/83

³ Elected to Court of Appeals 11/2/93

⁴ Elected to Court of Appeals 11/1/88

Department 5 (1909)

J. Stanley Webster (1909-1916)
F.W. Girand (1916-1917) Richard
M. Webster (1917-1949)
Raymond F. Kelly (1949-1973)
Donald N. Olson (1973-1982)
William G. Luscher (1982-1990)
Richard J. Schroeder (1990-2004)
Michael P. Price (2004-2023))

Department 6 (1950)

Ralph P. Edgerton (1950-1972)
Del Cary Smith, Jr. (1972-1979)
Thomas E. Merryman (1979-1987)
Salvatore F. Cozza (1997-2016)
Tony D. Hazel (2017-Present)

Department 7 (1963)

John J. Lally (1963-1985)
Richard P. Guy (1985)
James M. Murphy (1985-2003)
Maryann C. Moreno (2003-2022)
Jacquelyn High-Edward (2022-Present)

Department 8 (1973)

William J. Grant (1973-1992)
Robert H. Whaley⁵ (1992-1995)
Paul A. Bastine (1995-2005)
Harold D. Clarke, III (2005-2022)
Marla Polin (2022-Present)

Department 9 (1977)

Richard P. Guy (1977-1981)
Michael E. Donohue (1981-2003)
Jerome J. Leveque (2003-2013)
John O. Cooney (2013-2023)

⁵ Confirmed to U.S. District Court 6/30/95

Department 10 (1979)

Marcus M. Kelly (1979-1995)

Kenneth H. Kato⁶ (1996-1997)

Linda G. Tompkins (1997-2018)

Michelle D. Szambelan (2018 – Present)

Department 11 (1997)

Gregory D. Sypolt (1997-2016)

Timothy B. Fennessy (2016-Present)

Department 12 (1999)

Ellen Kalama Clark (1999-2018)

Rachelle E. Anderson (2019 – Present)

Department 13 (2024)

Dean T. Chuang (2024 – Present))

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⁶ Appointed to Court of Appeals 10/10/97