

# Superior Court for the State of Washington In and for the County of King

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Matthew W. Williams is a Superior Court Judge for the State of Washington.

Prior to serving on the Superior Court, Judge Williams served six years as a District Court Judge in King County, Washington. He began his legal career with the Attorneys General of Nebraska, Iowa, and Washington State. He handled death penalty and criminal appeals matters as well as complex commercial and tax litigation. Subsequently, he supervised Federal drug, weapons, and aviation enforcement. He served as a Supervising Assistant City Attorney for the City of Seattle's major litigation unit and as the Managing Attorney of a large law office based in Tacoma, Washington. He also served as a General Manager with a national insurance carrier where he implemented best practices and data driven decision making while managing multiple business units across the nation.



He served as a Special Disciplinary (Ethics) Counsel for the Washington State Bar Association and is a former Trustee of the Washington Defense Trial Lawyers.

Since 1985 Judge Williams has been developing programs and training judges, advocates and law enforcement personnel in such diverse areas as judicial case-management, forensics, collision reconstruction, effective management/personnel strategies, negotiation, and culturally specific trial advocacy. He has taught Trial Advocacy at Seattle University School of Law (University of Puget Sound) since 1991. He served as a Director of the National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA) Trial, Deposition, and Public Service Programs. He has also served many terms as faculty team leader for the renowned Kessler-Eidson Trial Techniques Program at Emory School of Law in Atlanta, Georgia.

He serves on the faculty of the Washington State Judicial College. Judge Williams is a frequent speaker and trainer before the Superior Court Judges Association and the District and Municipal Court Judges Association on topics including Evidence, Search & Seizure, Civil Procedure and substantive law updates.

Almost all of his time off the bench is devoted to Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Initiatives in pre/post conflict nations and emerging democracies around the world. He has led such initiatives in Central Asia, South America, Africa, the Middle East, and within the former Soviet Republics.

Judge Williams received a Bachelor of Science in Economics from the University of Nebraska (1980), and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Nebraska School of Law (1983).

Judge Williams holds the rank of Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do and has served as a martial arts and personal defense instructor. He is a pilot and has logged over a thousand hours of pilot-in-command hours throughout the United States.