



Three Frequently Visited Courts in Downtown Seattle are:

1. King County Superior Court
2. King County District Court
3. Seattle Municipal Court

Each Court is separate and handles different cases. This brochure may help you find where you need to be.

This material available in alternate formats. Call 206-296-9100 or 206-205-5048

Court Location Map

Parking and Bus routes

Street parking is available for a fee for up to two hours. All parking facilities indicated on the map charge a fee. Rates vary according to time of entry and location.

Many buses stop near the courthouses. Visit the metro Trip Planner Website at <http://tripplanner.kingcounty.gov>

or call 206-553-3000 for information about all bus lines to and from the downtown courts.

Other Courts located in Seattle

Seattle Immigration Court (Department of Justice)
1000 2nd Ave., Suite 2500 Seattle, WA

U.S. District Court for the Western District of WA
700 Stewart St., Seattle, WA

Washington State Court of Appeals, Division I
600 University St., Seattle, WA

1 King County Superior Court

King County Courthouse
516 3rd Avenue

- Jury duty in Superior Court
- Cases involving felony and gross misdemeanor charges
- King County Adult Drug Diversion Court
- All lawsuits for more than \$75,000
- Family law matters such as divorce, paternity and adoption
- Estate and guardianship cases
- Protection orders from domestic violence and harassment
- Evictions

Note: Superior Court handles juvenile offender matters and most cases involving abused and neglected children at Juvenile Court, located at 1211 E. Alder Street in Seattle.

Superior Court handles involuntary commitments (due to mental illness) in the Ninth and Jefferson Building at Harborview.

Many Superior Court services are also located at the Maleng Regional Justice Center in Kent.

Courts

2 King County District Court

King County Courthouse
516 3rd Avenue

- Cases involving misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor charges including:
 - Assault
 - Driving under the influence (DUI)
 - Domestic violence
 - Theft
 - Trespassing
- Traffic tickets received on a State Highway or in unincorporated King County
- Lawsuits up to \$75,000
- Small claims up to \$5,000 for neighborhood disputes and consumer issues
- Impounding hearing requests (towed vehicles)
- King County Mental Health Court
- Name changes
- Passports
- Anti-harassment orders

District Court is also located in: Bellevue, Burien, Issaquah, Kent, Redmond and Shoreline.

3 Seattle Municipal Court

Seattle Justice Center
600 5th Avenue

- Jury duty in Municipal Court
- Cases involving gross misdemeanor or misdemeanor charges within Seattle City limits including:
 - Assault
 - Driving under the influence (DUI)
 - Domestic violence
 - Theft
 - Trespassing
- Cases involving violations of the Seattle Municipal Code including:
 - Traffic and parking infractions
 - Violations against City ordinances, fire and housing codes
 - Business license and building regulation violations
- Seattle Mental Health Court
- Court Resource Center

State highway tickets are handled in District Court.

Specific paperwork, court records and fines are handled in the following Court offices:

1 Superior Court Clerk's Office

King County Courthouse
516 3rd Avenue, E-609, 206-296-9300

- Start a new case in Superior Court
- Pay Superior court fees and fines
- File documents in a Superior Court case
- View Superior Court case records
- Obtain protection and anti-harassment orders (visit Clerk's Protection Order Office, W-378)
- Get plain and certified copies of Superior Court documents
- Research Superior Court case records
- Purchase recordings of Superior Court sessions

2 District Court Clerk's Office

King County Courthouse
516 3rd Avenue, E-327, 206-205-9200

- Start a new case in District Court
- Pay District court traffic tickets, fines and fees.
- File documents to start a small claims case (up to \$5,000, only against someone who lives in Seattle)
- Change your name
- Get a passport
- Obtain anti-harassment orders
- Get copies or certified copies of District Court documents
- Research District Court case records

3 Municipal Court Customer Service

Seattle Justice Center, 1st and 3rd Floors
600 5th Avenue, 206-684-5600

- Pay Municipal Court fees and fines
- Pay a traffic or parking ticket that occurred in Seattle city limits
- Schedule a hearing for traffic or parking infractions that occurred in Seattle City limits
- Get plain and certified copies of Municipal Court documents
- View Municipal Court case or ticket records through access terminals
- Purchase recordings of Municipal Court sessions

Court Offices