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Meeting Location	Date	Time	Topic
King County Bar Association 1200 Fifth Avenue - Suite 700 Seattle, WA	<b>Monday, May 11, 2020</b>	12:00 PM to 1:15 PM	Justice in the Time of Coronavirus: How the Courts are Responding to the Crisis

#### AGENDA

**12:00 PM** Introduction

**12:10 PM** Presentation: ‘Justice in the Time of Coronavirus: How the Courts are Responding to the Crisis’, by Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud, Washington Supreme Court; Justice Raquel Montoya-Lewis, Washington Supreme Court; Judge Jim Rogers, King County Superior Court; and Judge Gregory Gonzales, Clark County Superior Court

**1:15 PM** Adjourn

#### SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

**Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud, Washington Supreme Court** - Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud was elected to the Washington Supreme Court in 2012 after a career of helping clients fight for their constitutional and individual rights. As a Justice, she serves as Chair of the Washington State Supreme Court Gender & Justice Commission, as a member of the Supreme Court’s Rules Committee, and as the liaison to the Supreme Court’s Pattern Instructions Committee (on which she previously served as a lawyer-member). She is also on the Washington State Bar Association’s Council on Public Defense. She speaks regularly at legal and community events throughout the state on topics ranging from ethics to criminal justice.

Justice McCloud brought a wealth of appellate experience with her; she handled hundreds of cases before the Washington Supreme Court and other appellate courts before she became a judge. Her law practice showed a record of commitment to communities of color and a long history of providing legal assistance to those who lack the ability to pay. In one of her first volunteer cases, she helped successfully defend a woman’s right to pregnancy disability leave in the United States Supreme Court. She also taught at the Seattle University School of Law and has published several articles.

Her legal expertise was recognized by her peers before she joined the bench. For example, she received the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers' highest award, the William O. Douglas Award, for "extraordinary courage" in the practice of law. Her commitment to justice is still recognized by her peers now that she has a track record of work as a Justice. In 2015, Washington Women Lawyers King County Chapter honored her with its President's Award. In 2018, the Cardoza Society of Washington State presented her with its L'Dor V'Dor Award.

**Justice Raquel Montoya-Lewis, Washington Supreme Court** – Justice Raquel Montoya-Lewis was appointed to the Washington State Supreme Court by Governor Jay Inslee in December 2019 and took the oath of office on January 6, 2020. Justice Montoya-Lewis is an enrolled member of the Pueblo of Isleta and a descendant of the Pueblo of Laguna, two federally recognized tribes in New Mexico. She is the first enrolled member of any tribe to sit on a state supreme court in the U.S. and the second Native American to sit on a state supreme court. She is also of Jewish descent. Prior to becoming an Associate Justice, she served as a Superior Court judge for Whatcom County for five years, where she heard criminal and civil trials and presided over the Whatcom County Therapeutic Drug Court. In the 15 years prior to her work on the Superior Court, she served as a tribal court judge for multiple tribes in the Pacific Northwest and the Southwest. She served as Chief Judge for the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, the Nooksack Indian Tribe, and the Lummi Nation. In addition to her work as a tribal court judge, she was a tenured Associate Professor at Western Washington University's Fairhaven College where she taught law-related courses and courses on cultural identity development. She has continued to use her teaching skills as a jurist, teaching a wide variety of audiences including judges, social workers, lawyers, and advocates on implicit bias, the Indian Child Welfare Act, and best practices in child welfare and domestic violence cases. Justice Montoya-Lewis graduated with her BA degree from the University of New Mexico in 1992 and completed her law degree and Master of Social Work degree at the University of Washington in 1995 and 1996 respectively.

**Judge Jim Rogers, King County Superior Court** – Judge Rogers currently serves as the Presiding Judge for King County Superior Court. He has presided over cases of all types since election in 2005. He served as the Assistant Presiding Judge from 2016-2018 and the Chief Criminal Judge during 2014-15.

He is a fourth generation Seattleite and third generation Husky. He graduated from the University of Washington in 1982; served in the Peace Corps in Sierra Leone from 1982-84; then graduated from Georgetown University Law Center in 1988. He clerked for Federal Judge Robert J. Bryan from 1988-9; worked in civil practice at the Riddell Williams law firm (now Fox Rothschild) from 1989-94; and the King County Prosecutor's Office from 1994-2004, six years in the Special Assault Unit and three years in the Most Dangerous Offenders Project Unit (homicide unit).

Current Committees: Washington State Supreme Court Committee on Jury Instructions (WPI Committee), Freedom Education Project Puget Sound Board (provides college education and re-entry assistance to women incarcerated in prison). Prior Committees/Board include Washington State Board of Judicial Administration; Sex Offender Policy Board; University Heights Community Center Board; Skills, Inc.

Awards: Pro Bono Service Award, King County Bar Association 1991; American Board of Trial Advocates Judge of the Year 2019.

He is married with two children. He and his family are involved in various family, mountaineering, sports, volunteer, and parish activities.

**Judge Gregory M. Gonzales, Clark County Superior Court** – Judge Gonzales had been a partner at the Vancouver law firm of Weber Gunn PLLC. Judge Gonzales started at the firm in 1983. His areas of practice included personal injury plaintiff representation, misdemeanor criminal defense, and general litigation. Judge Gonzales is a member of the Washington and Oregon State Bar Associations. He graduated from the University of California, Riverside, and Lewis and Clark Law School, Portland, Oregon.

Judge Gonzales was appointed as a part time Municipal Court Judge for the City of Battle Ground in 2005. Judge Gonzales was appointed by Governor Christine Gregoire to the Clark County Superior Court in 2012.

While in private practice, Judge Gonzales served as a pro tem judge with Clark County District Court, and as an instructor at Clark College in the Paralegal Department.

In addition to his judicial duties, Judge Gonzales is a member of the Board of Judicial Administration for the State of Washington. He is currently the co-chair of the Board of Judicial Administration with Chief Justice Debra Stephens. He also co-chaired the Board of Judicial Administration with retired Chief Justice Mary Fairhurst. As part of his duties with the Board of Judicial Administration, Judge Gonzales is the chair of the Court Education Committee.

Since his appointment to the Clark County Superior Court bench, Judge Gonzales has chaired the Clark County Courthouse Security Committee. Judge Gonzales enjoys presenting at local continuing education programs.