



Appellate Practice November Section Meeting

Meeting Called By: Tori Ainsworth, Chair

Date: Monday, November 14th

Time: 12:00 PM to 1:15 PM

Topic: *“So You Want to be a Judge?”*

CLE Credit: **1.00 Law & Legal Credit A/V Approval #1227587**

Agenda

12:00 PM Introduction

12:10 PM Presentation: *“So You Want to be a Judge?”* – Panel Discussion with Judge Ronald Cox (Ret.), Judge Linda Coburn, Judge Bill Bowman

Current and former appellate judges discuss their path to the bench and provide insight into the legal skills and career advice future aspiring judges should consider.

1:15 PM Adjourn

Speaker Biography

Judge Ronald Cox (Ret.) served for over 23 years on the Court of Appeals, Division I, after winning a contested election for his seat in 1994. Prior to joining the Court, Judge Cox was a partner at K&L Gates, where he practiced commercial litigation. Judge Cox left the Court in 2018 and currently lends his expertise for Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services (JAMS).

Judge Linda Coburn was elected to the Court of Appeals, Division I, in November 2020. Prior to joining the Court, Judge Coburn was a career public defender and also served on the bench in Edmonds Municipal Court. Before her legal career, Judge Coburn worked as a journalist for 13 years.

Judge Bill Bowman was appointed to the Court of Appeals, Division I, by Governor Inslee in January 2020. Judge Bowman began his judicial career at the Black Diamond Municipal Court and then served as a trial judge with King County Superior Court for eight years. Prior to joining the bench, Judge Bowman was a public defender, a deputy prosecuting attorney, and a trial lawyer in private practice.
