

Judge Douglass A. North

Judge North was elected to the King County Superior Court and took office on October 9, 2000, following the retirement of Judge Patricia Aitken.

Judge North began his legal career clerking for Judge Keith M. Callow on the Washington State Court of Appeals in 1978. Enjoying appellate work, he developed a specialty practice in appeals when he went into private practice. After his clerkship, he joined Hennings, Maltman, Weber and Reed as an associate. He eventually became a partner in the firm which was called Reed, North, Ahrens and Malnati at the time he was elected to the bench. In 22 years of private practice he briefed and argued over 200 cases before all three branches of the Washington State Court of Appeals, the Washington Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Judge North chairs the court's Local Rules Committee and has previously served on the WSBA Rules Committee and the King County Bar's Judiciary and Courts Committee. He has been active in protecting Washington's wild rivers, founding the Northwest Rivers Council and serving on the boards of River Network and Washington Wild.

Judge North earned a B.A. with Honors in Political Science from Stanford University and graduated from the University of Washington School of Law.