

# King County Democrats 2010 Judicial Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name	Stan Rumbaugh
Position sought	State Supreme Court Justice - Position 1
Residence LD	27 <sup>th</sup>
Are you the incumbent?	No
<b>Campaign Information</b>	
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Candidate Background: Community service, education, employment and other relevant experience.
Which undergraduate and law schools have you attended? Include Graduation date, degrees.
Wittenberg University, BA 1975
University of London - Studied abroad, '73-'74
University of Puget Sound School of Law, JD 1978

Hours and types of pro bono work performed.
I have spent literally hundreds of hours in my capacity as a board member on numerous agencies and private boards, often as the only attorney on the board. For that reason a variety of legal issues involving a wide array of subjects. So, while direct client representation on a pro bono basis has been limited to those contingent fee cases which had poor outcomes, the choice to volunteer for board service has allowed me to contribute to a broader community in need of legal and policy guidance.

Have you ever been a prosecutor for any government entity? If yes, where and how long?
No, I have not.

Have you ever defended a person accused of a crime? If yes, where and how many cases?
Yes, I started my legal career with an internship at the King County Public Defenders

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office, handling misdemeanor cases, and assisting with felony trial preparation. Early in my practice I handled an assortment of misdemeanor and felony cases, largely discontinued at least 20 years ago.

Have you ever served as an arbitrator or Mediator? If yes, where and how many times?

Yes, I have served as an arbitrator in Mandatory arbitration cases approximately 40 times, with 5 or 6 appointments as an arbitrator on agreed arbitrations involving underinsured motorist coverage disputes.

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How many times have you participated as a judge or attorney in:	
Municipal Court	5 or 6
District Court	5 or 6
Superior Court jury trials	40 to 45
Arguments in Court of Appeals	Approximated 10 or 12
Arguments in State Supreme Court	2 arguments, with contributing on briefing and creating the appeal record on 4 or 5 other cases. At any given time, our office has 2 or 3 cases somewhere in the appellate system, keeping us up to date on appellate procedure.
Federal District Court trials	Approximately 8 or 10

What ratings and endorsements have you received?	
Municipal League	Pending
King County Bar Association	Pending
Washington Women Lawyers	Pending
Loren Miller Bar Association	Well Qualified ( interview was for Superior Court at the time)
QLAW: the GLBT Bar Association	Exceptionally Well Qualified (interview was for the Superior Court at the time)
Latina/Latino Bar Association	Qualified (Interview was for the Superior Court at the time.)
Joint Asian Judicial Evaluation Committee	Exceptionally well qualified (Interview was for the Superior Court at the time.)

Which organizations and individuals have endorsed you in this race?
<p>Washington Education Association            King County Democrats            State Democratic Party            27<sup>th</sup>, 37<sup>th</sup> and several other Democratic Legislative Districts.            Congressman Adam Smith            Mayor Marilyn Strickland (Tacoma)            Numerous members of the State legislature, including Reps Morrell, Kelly, Kirby, Conway, Senators Regala, Kilmer, Franklin and other members of the legislature</p>

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Tacoma City Counsel members Fey, Mello, Walker and Woodard  
Former Justice Faith Ireland  
Former Court of Appeal Judges Art Wang and Karen Seinfeld  
Many other city leaders and community activists with other community members  
Many "pending" endorsements at this time

Which judicial candidates have you endorsed in the past five years?

Justices Chambers, Owens, Alexander, Charles Johnson and numerous superior court judges, though I have not kept exact records.

Have there ever been any successful claims made against you or your malpractice carrier? If "yes" please attach explanation.

No

List any complaints you have received through any Bar Association, Judicial Conduct Committee or Board, or private insurance carrier. (Attach on a separate sheet of paper).

Mariann Arellano: fee dispute and generalized complaint. Dismissed by the WSBA Disciplinary Committee as having no merit.

Patricia Mello: Complained about my filing for a petition for appointment of guardian ad litem based upon my concerns about her diminished capacity. I filed the petition after consultation with bar counsel because of my obligation under RPC 1.14. Dismissed by the WBBA Disciplinary Committee as having no merit.

What is your strongest area of legal expertise?

I handle a wide range of plaintiff's personal injury cases, federal tort claims, insurance law cases including representation of insurance companies in subrogation matters, ERISA claims, meretricious relationship cases, wrongful death and associated probate related cases, workers compensation claims, consumer protection and IFCA cases, appeals from those cases, and many cases addressing employment-related injury and disability. The foregoing types of cases comprise approximately 90 percent of my practice. The remainder of my practice is devoted to real estate questions, regulatory issues, and general trial practice, including the representation of small businesses or health care providers in contract or regulatory disputes. In the early 1980's, I had an active criminal law practice, largely now discontinued.

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What recommendations do you have for improving court system funding and administration?

Not to be flippant, but the obvious answer is better funding from the government. Washington is one of only a few states that combine county and state funding for the courts. The funding should be unified at the State level, with assessment back for proportionate reimbursement.

What actions have you taken in the last five years on issues regarding access to the judicial system?

Virtually all of my cases are on a contingent fee basis, offering access to the judicial system for those who would otherwise be financially barred from use. I have spoken to (ie softly lobbied”) a number of County Council members about adding allocated judges to the Pierce County bench, and have spoken publically to raise the awareness level in the public about the access problem.

What recommendations do you have for increasing access to the judicial system (Civil and Criminal)?

The single most troubling access problem is case backlog. A system needs to be in place where a trial date, when ever it is set in the pre trial order, is actually the trial date. Multiple continuances and re schedules must be eliminated to a much higher degree.

If a sitting Judge, what committees have you been appointed to and what are the significant accomplishments of those committees or yourself? If not, which committee assignments would you seek?

I would like to work on the court rules committee to unify local rules, or at least make them consistent. Public outreach would also be an interest.

Have you reviewed the General Rule Definition of the Practice of Law, and the Practice of Law Board’s Work? – Do you have comments or ideas? Would you be in favor of the proposed Legal Technician Rule? This rule allows trained, tested and licensed non-lawyers to provide specifically defined legal services without supervision by a lawyer. Please explain.

I am not in favor of the Proposed Legal Technician Rule.

Have you been appointed as a guardian or Guardian Ad Litem? If “yes”, please give the details?

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Yes, on 25 or 30 occasions I have been appointed by the court to determine whether a proposed case resolution is in the best interests of the minor.

How have you promoted diversity within your staff?

We hire a diverse group of ethnicities, and women outnumber the men in our office. Through our intern program, we are always looking to improve our diversity.

What are the main messages of your campaign? What is your campaign plan? How many doors have you knocked on to date, pieces of mail planned, budgeting, staffing? What is the fundraising goal for your campaign? How much have you raised to date? Why will you win?

I will win because of my centrist view of the law, and the many persons from all walks of life whose representation on legal problems it has been my privilege to handle.

I have read this questionnaire and understand and approve the content and all provided information.

Printed Name	Stan Rumbaugh	Date
Signature		