



for Kitsap County District Court Judge • Pos 3

Dear Voters:

I'm writing to ask for your vote and support in my campaign for Kitsap County District Court Judge, Position #3, vacated by retiring Judge Stephen Alexander. I am the most experienced, informed, and dedicated candidate for this position. None of my opponents have my depth of experience.

I have been a practicing lawyer since 1979. My husband and I moved to Port Orchard in 1980, and I opened my own law firm in Port Orchard in 1982. My trial practice has grown through the years. I have substantial experience in the areas of criminal and juvenile law, family law, real estate law, elder law, personal injury law, and probate and estate planning.

Though I am a Port Orchard resident, I have been the Gig Harbor City Judge for the last 14 years. I am proud of the accomplishments I have achieved with my staff. We have made the court more efficient, we have established a probation department, and we have minimized courts costs through better planning.

Additionally, I have served as a pro tem judge in the following courts: Kitsap County Superior Court, Pierce County Superior Court, Kitsap County District Court, Bremerton Municipal Court, and Port Orchard Municipal Court. I served as the Superior Court Commissioner for one year handling all of the involuntary mental health commitments and domestic violence hearings. Since 1986, I have been chosen to be an arbitrator in over 80 civil cases identical to those handled by the District Court.

Because of my experience, I am informed on the issues that face the courts today: rapidly overcrowding jails, questions involving drunk driving cases, prevention of and response to domestic violence, enforcement of environmental regulations, and access to justice issues such as alternative dispute resolution, to name just a few.

I am dedicated to my work, but I am also dedicated to my family and to my community volunteer work. My husband, Alan, and I have three children, twin boys aged 8, Alex and Ian, and a 10-year-old daughter, Kate. Our children proudly attend South Kitsap Schools, where I have been an active member of PTA and active in little league sports for boys and girls.

I was a founding member of the steering committee for the Kitsap County Domestic Violence Task Force. I am a long-time member of the Kitsap County YWCA and am currently its President-Elect. I am a founding member of the Kitsap County Volunteer Attorneys Services, and I actively support the work of the ALIVE Shelter and the Kitsap County Dispute Resolution Center.

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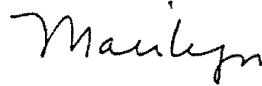
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I want to further serve my own community in the best way that I know how, as your new District Court Judge. I have been training for this position nearly my entire legal career. Over 14 years of judicial experience counts!

I ask for your vote and, if you are able, your financial support for my campaign. I would be pleased to answer any questions that you might have. Feel free to call me at 360.876.2839, or my e-mail address is aspaja@silverlink.net. My fax number is 360.876.5097. It's campaign season, but I'll always get back to you as soon as I can!

Thank you for allowing me to share these thoughts with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marilyn".

Marilyn Paja

P.S. Many of you may be wondering how to pronounce my last name. It's Page-ah. Paja is originally Czechoslovakian in origin, my husband Alan tells me. No matter how you say it, **Vote for Marilyn Paja for District Court Judge!**