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**JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION FILES STATEMENT OF CHARGES  
AGAINST KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE MARY E. ROBERTS**

On February 24, 2017, the Commission on Judicial Conduct found probable cause that King County Superior Court Judge Mary E. Roberts (Respondent) had violated the Code of Judicial Conduct and approved a Statement of Charges. The Statement of Charges in this matter is a public document available at the Commission's web site, <http://www.cjc.state.wa.us>.

Judge Roberts is charged with violating Canon 1 (Rules 1.1 and 1.2) and Canon 2 (Rule 2.5) of the Code of Judicial Conduct. Respondent is charged with failure to dispose promptly of the business of the court by not issuing timely decisions in multiple cases, and thus failing to comply with the law which requires superior court judges to decide each case within 90 days after it is submitted for a decision (Washington Constitution, Article 4, Section 20, RCW 2.08.240).

Canon 1, Rule 1.1 states "A judge shall comply with the law, including the Code of Judicial Conduct." Canon 1, Rule 1.2 provides "A judge shall act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the independence, integrity, and impartiality of the judiciary, and shall avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety." Canon 2, Rule 2.5 states "A judge shall perform judicial and administrative duties, competently and diligently."

The Washington Commission on Judicial Conduct is an independent agency of the judicial branch of state government created under the Washington Constitution to assure the integrity and independence of the judiciary. Its eleven members are appointed by the Governor, judicial associations, and the Washington State Bar Association.

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