

**MICHAEL S. SPEARMAN, Presiding Chief Judge**  
**Washington State Court of Appeals**  
**One Union Square**  
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**Seattle, Washington 98101**  
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**Bar Admissions**

United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit  
United States District Court, District of Columbia Circuit  
United States District Court for the Western District of Washington  
District of Columbia Court of Appeals  
Washington State Supreme Court

**Educational Background**

Georgetown University Law Center  
E. Barrett Prettyman Fellow - Criminal Trial Practice – 1981-1983

New York University School of Law  
J.D. - May 1981  
Arthur T. Vanderbilt Medal

Machinist – Cameron Iron Works, Houston, Texas – 1974 – 1978  
International Ass'n of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Member and  
Union Steward

Brown University - B.A. Political Science - June 1974

**Experience**

**Washington State Court of Appeals – Division One**

April 2010 – present  
Chief Judge – April 2013 – April 2015

**Judicial Dispute Resolution, LLC**

September 2007 – April 2010

I provided mediation and arbitration services in all types of civil matters, ranging from personal injury to medical malpractice to family law matters to citizen complaints against Seattle Police Department officers. I also accepted appointments as special master in complex discovery matters.

**King County Superior Court Judge**

June 1993 – September 2007  
Chief of the Criminal Department – January 1991 – January 2001

**The Federal Defenders Office for the Western District of Washington**

February 1993 - June 1993

Staff Attorney

**The Defender Association; Seattle, Washington**

October 1990 - January 1993

Felony Division Supervisor

October 1989 - October 1990:

Assistant Supervisor Misdemeanor Division

**Society of Counsel**

May 1988 - September 1989

Staff Attorney

**Adler, Giersch and Read**

November 1986 - April 1988

Associate Attorney

**The Defender Association**

August 1983 - October 1986

Staff Attorney

**Georgetown University Law Center**

August 1981 - July 1983

E. Barrett Prettyman Fellow

**Activities**

Office of Civil Legal Aid, Oversight Committee,

King County Bar Association, Diversity Committee

Board of Directors, Seadrumar Substance Abuse Treatment Program, 2003-2016

Board of Trustees, King County Bar Association, 2007-2010

Board of Directors, Family Law Court Appointed Special Advocates, 2008-2010

Member, King County Superior Court Executive Committee, 1999-2007

Chair, Ad hoc Committee on Court Performance Measures, 2006-07

Commissioner, Commission on Interpreter Certification, 1999-2006

Board of Directors, National Center for State Courts, 2000-2005

Commissioner, Sentencing Guidelines Commission, 1995-2004