

Linda Lau

Retired Judge - Washington State Court of Appeals, Division One
Former Judge – King County Superior Court
Former Judge – King County District Court



Experience/Specialties

Judge Lau was appointed to Division One of the Washington State Court of Appeals in 2008 and served until 2016. She served as a King County Superior Court Judge from 1995 until 2018. She also served as a King County District Court Judge from 1992-1995. Prior to her judicial career, Judge Lau’s law practice focused on general civil litigation and criminal law.

With decades of judicial service, Judge Lau brings a wealth of trial and appellate experience to mediation, arbitration, appellate, and litigation consultation. As a trial judge, Judge Lau presided over a vast range of civil cases such as business/commercial disputes, trust/estates, medical/legal malpractice, insurance bad faith/coverage, construction defects, tort, real property disputes, contracts, employment, and class actions.

Judge Lau also served for seven years on the King County Superior Court Asbestos Litigation Panel where she presided over asbestos injury/wrongful death jury trials. She also served as the Panel’s Assistant Chief Asbestos Litigation Judge until her appointment on the appellate court.

As a trial judge, Judge Lau successfully resolved countless cases in settlement conferences. And as a seasoned appellate judge, who authored more than 400 opinions on nearly every area of contemporary civil litigation, she brings both a trial and appellate judge’s perspective to mediation, arbitration, private trials and appellate consultation.

Special Honors/Memberships

Judicial: Assistant Chief Asbestos Litigation Judge - King County Superior Court
Member – Executive Committee – King County Superior Court
Member – Local Rules Committee – King County Superior Court
Member – Public Access Committee – King County Superior Court
Member – Asbestos Litigation Panel – King County Superior Court
Presiding Judge – King County District Court
Chair - Personnel Committee – Washington State Court of Appeals, Division One
Volunteer Judicial Mentor to law students
Volunteer Judge – law student mock trials/oral argument

Legal: Member – Washington State Bar Association
Member – American Bar Association, ADR section
Member – King County Bar Association
Member – Asian Bar Association of Washington
Member - Washington Women Lawyers

Education

J.D. University of Puget Sound School of Law (now Seattle University)
B.A. University of Washington

Personal

Judge Lau is the daughter of immigrants. As a youth working in her parents’ small business, she learned the value of a strong work ethic. Judge Lau applied this ethic in judicial service and earned praise as a thoughtful and hard-working judge. She brings these traits to mediation, arbitration, and consultation.

