

Laura Christensen Colberg for Washington Supreme Court Pos 1 (challenger)

Olympia Indivisible Candidate Profile

As the highest court in the State of Washington, the mission of the Supreme Court is to uphold the constitution and, when called upon through cases, interpret laws passed by the legislature and enforced by the executive branch of government. The nine state Supreme Court justices are elected to six-year terms. Each term is staggered to maintain continuity of the court. The only requirement for the office is that a prospective justice be admitted to the practice of law in Washington state. Vacancies are filled by appointment of the Governor until the next general election. Justices on the Washington State Supreme Court must retire at the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of seventy-five.

Due to two resignations, rather than the normal three seats in an election year, five of the nine seats on the Washington Supreme Court are up for election this year, creating a rare chance to reshape the state's highest court. The outcome could prove pivotal for major legal questions expected to reach the court, including Washington's so-called millionaire's tax.

Candidate Background and Qualifications:

Laura Christensen Colberg has practiced family law for 30 years, starting in 1996 at the family law firm of Michael W. Bugn. As one of the first to complete the Rigo's Bar Review program, she was enlisted as a lecturer in 1997 to teach family law and community property. She held this role for 16 years until the WSBA adopted the multi-state component in 2013.

Since 2008 she has served as a Court Commissioner pro tem for Snohomish County Superior Court accepting assignments on the Family Law Motions calendar, a role she continues to hold today. In 2015 she was approved as a court-appointed arbitrator conducting hearings and making decisions primarily in child support cases under mandatory arbitration rules. She also operates Colberg Law Firm, PLLC in Shoreline, Washington.

Colberg graduated from the University of Washington School of Law, J.D. in 1996, and received a B.A. from Seattle Pacific University.

Awards and Honors

Super Lawyers Rising Stars, Family Law — Washington, 2005–2008, 2010

Funding and Endorsements:

- Funding: \$5,000.00
(\$5,000.00 is from Self category)
- Spending: \$0.00

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- Endorsements:
- None found as of 5/30

Candidate Website