

# Superior Court

## What we do:

The Superior Court is a general jurisdiction court. It has the responsibility of adjudicating matters coming before it over which it has original or appellate jurisdiction, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Washington.

### Mission Statement:

- Adjudicate all cases, both criminal and civil, in a just and timely manner
- Assure due process and equal protection under the law
- Promote access to justice to all persons
- Instill public confidence and trust in the judiciary

## What we did in 2002:

- Adult Drug Court operating effectively. It was chosen as a Mentor Drug Court by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals and the National Drug Court Institute
- Juvenile Drug Court has completed its third year of operation
- Family Drug Court began operation September, 2002
- Third overall Superior Court in State processing cases within the mandated time frames

## In 2003-2004 we will help to meet County goals through these objectives:

- To ensure **Safe and Healthy Communities and Effective and Efficient County Services**, work through the Trial Court Coordination Council to develop and implement consistent bail policies for Domestic Violence cases in all levels of court.
- To ensure **Safe and Healthy Communities and Effective and Efficient County Services**, continue to process the ever-increasing caseload of felony criminal, domestic violence and civil cases with current staffing.
- Continue to enhance Adult, Juvenile and Family Drug Courts to promote **Safe and Health Communities**.
- Plan for the implementation of an additional judicial department and any programs that will enhance **Effective and Efficient County Services**.

## Measurements to meet department objectives:

### Time Standard Reports

<b>Criminal Cases</b>									
Standard	90% - 4 months			98% - 6 months			100% - 9 months		
	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
Kitsap County	86.40%	84.05%	86.83%	94.12%	91.89%	93.42%	96.90%	95.83%	96.71%

<b>Civil Cases</b>									
Standard	90% - 12 months			98% - 18 months			100% - 24 months		
	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
Kitsap County	85.52%	85.99%	86.70%	94.77%	93.37%	93.35%	97.32%	96.98%	96.53%

<b>Domestic Relations Cases</b>									
Standard	90% - 10 months			98% - 14 months			100% - 18 months		
	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
Kitsap County	69.17%	70.60%	66.76%	80.24%	81.19%	75.51%	91.30%	87.41%	84.88%

<b>Probate Cases</b>									
Standard	90% - 8 months			98% - 18 months			100% - 36 months		
	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
Kitsap County	99.85%	98.71%	97.00%	100.00%	99.51%	99.06%	100.00%	99.68%	100.00%

<b>Lower Court Appeals</b>									
Standard	90% - 4 months			98% - 5 months			100% - 6 months		
	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
Kitsap County	41.18%	39.39%	36.36%	55.88%	48.48%	45.45%	64.71%	63.64%	51.52%

<b>Juvenile Offenders</b>									
Standard	90% - 4 months			98% - 6 months			100% - 9 months		
	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
Kitsap County	87.86%	89.77%	89.47%	90.63%	92.99%	91.89%	92.88%	94.89%	93.86%

<b>Guardianship</b>									
Standard	90% - 8 months			98% - 18 months			100% - 36 months		
	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
Kitsap County	93.00%	93.55%	92.65%	98.00%	95.16%	94.12%	100.00%	98.39%	98.53%

<b>Adoption/Paternity</b>									
Standard	90% - 8 months			98% - 10 months			100% - 14 months		
	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
Kitsap County	85.00%	81.23%	71.04%	89.00%	86.22%	79.46%	93.00%	92.08%	85.15%

<b>Mental Illness</b>									
Standard	90% - 8 months			98% - 10 months			100% - 14 months		
	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
Kitsap County	100.00%	100.00%	99.65%	100.00%	100.00%	99.65%	100.00%	100.00%	99.65%

<b>Juvenile Dependency</b>									
Standard	90% - 8 months			98% - 10 months			100% - 14 months		
	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
Kitsap County	80.00%	76.90%	73.21%	84.00%	78.97%	78.50%	93.00%	83.45%	87.23%

**Allocation of Workload Per Judicial Officer**

Year	Total Trials & Hearings	Total Judicial Officers	Trials & Hearings per Judicial Officer
1996	27,324	8.10	3,373
1997	32,927	8.10	4,065
1998	35,003	8.11	4,316
1999	34,574	8.09	4,274
2000	37,996	8.09	4,697
2001	37,577	8.09	4,645
2002	37,874	8.09	4,682

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### Ex Parte Matters

Year	Total Ex Parte	Ex-Parte Per Officer
1996	Not Available	
1997	10,352	1,294
1998	7,437	930
1999	9,536	1,192
2000	6,237	780
2001	7,999	1,000
2002	9,404	1,176

### Cost Analysis Per Case

Year	Cases Filed	Actual Budget Expended	Cost Per Case
1994	7,902	\$1,580,494	\$200
2001	11,426	\$2,418,359	\$212
2001-0 (less extraordinary)	11,426	\$2,215,559	\$194

## Department Budget

### Expenditures:

	1999-2000 Actual	2001-2002 Budget	2003-2004 Budget
Salaries	\$2,471,414	\$2,890,994	3,080,113
Benefits	436,984	560,864	533,546
Supplies	79,338	113,155	44,500
Services & Charges	592,840	1,109,831	771,982
Capital Outlay	40,770	11,320	0
Interfund Services	189,690	190,454	165,792
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,811,036</b>	<b>\$4,876,618</b>	<b>\$4,595,933</b>

### Staffing Level:

	2001	2002	2003	2004
Full Time Equivalents	24	26	26	26

