

JUDGE WHITNEY RIVERA
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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Snohomish County Superior Court Everett, WA
Judge, May 2024 to Present

- Preside over and adjudicate hearings, motions, and trials for criminal and civil matters
- Serve on Juvenile Committee and Budget Committee

Edmonds Municipal Court Edmonds, WA
Presiding Judge, January 2021 to April 2024

- Preside over and adjudicate hearings, motions, and trials for criminal and infraction matters
- Review search warrants, handle administrative duties, and supervise court operations
- Co-Chair of DMCJA Legislative Committee and DMCJA WPI Committee Representative
- Co-Presenter at Judicial College on Sentencing & Probation
- Awards: DMCJA Presidential Award in 2023

Snohomish County Public Defender Association Everett, WA
Attorney, March 2007 to January 2014; January 2015 to October 2017; May 2019 to December 2020

- Direct representation of clients accused of criminal offenses in Snohomish County
- Notable experience in addition to regular caseload: develop and lead RALJ unit; argued deferred prosecution funding issue before Washington Supreme Court; petitioned and argued for clemency on behalf of a pro bono client serving a life sentence
- CLE presenter at WDA, WACDL, The Defender Initiative, WA OPD, and in-house at SCPDA
- Attended National Criminal Defense College, NAPD Train the Trainer, and NAPD Executive Leadership Institute
- Awards: WDA President's Award in 2009; WDA Certificate of Recognition in 2013 and 2019

Misdemeanor Unit Supervisor, November 2017 to May 2019

- Guide, supervise, and support attorneys representing clients in district courts
- Develop content and implement SCPDA trial skills training program
- Train attorneys on providing consistent feedback to participants in small group practice

Washington Appellate Project Seattle, WA
Staff Attorney, January 2014 – January 2015

- Represent clients on appeal in the Court of Appeals
- Draft appellate briefs and presented oral argument

EDUCATION

Boston College Law School Newton, MA
Juris Doctor, May 2006
Publications: "Addressing the Real Problem of Racial Profiling in Seattle, Washington,"
Journal of Race, Gender, and Ethnicity, Touro Law Center (March 2008)

University of Washington Seattle, WA
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science & English Literature, *cum laude*, August 2003