

Statement of Qualifications

for Judge Tracy Staab

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself and provide my background and experience. My name is Tracy Staab and I have been your Spokane Municipal Court Judge for eight years. We are a high-volume, innovative court that emphasizes therapeutic and jail alternatives. Our municipal court has been recognized nationally and locally as being just and effective. This fall, I will begin presiding over a new DUI court that will focus on reducing recidivism for repeat offenders.

Three very important qualifications for this job are judicial temperament, work ethic, and knowledge of the law. I pride myself on showing respect to everyone in the courtroom, being decisive and consistent, with a firm yet compassionate mindset. As your Municipal Court Judge, I consider it an honor to serve you. I make it a priority to be available and am rarely away from the courthouse. When I am not serving on the bench, I am volunteering on several statewide boards and committees. I also participate on several subcommittees of the Spokane Regional Law and Justice Council.

My knowledge of the law is extensive and stems from 24 years of practice. I graduated with honors from Seattle University School of Law in 1993. Prior to becoming a judge, I was a law clerk at the Court of Appeals, a city prosecutor, and a public defender. As a Research and Writing attorney for the Federal Defenders, I handled complex legal issues before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. My legal ability, temperament, and work ethic are reflected in the numerous endorsements I have earned from judges, prosecutors, defense counsel, and citizens. To learn more, please see my Facebook page @JudgeStaab. Thank you.