

Hon. Veronica Galván
Judge, Washington State Superior Court

The Honorable Veronica Galván is a Washington State Superior Court Judge serving in King County. She is a University of Washington School of Law graduate. She has served as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Seattle, and also served the City of Federal Way in this same capacity. Judge Galván took the bench in 2001 as a Judge Pro Tempore, and was appointed to a full-time judicial position as an Administrative Law Judge in 2002. In 2007, Judge Galván was appointed to the Des Moines Municipal Court where she served with distinction, earning the Juez Excepcional award from the Latina/o Bar Association of Washington. Governor Jay Inslee appointed Judge Galván to the King County Superior Court in December of 2014.

While in Des Moines, Judge Galván implemented the only Spanish-language Court in the state of Washington granting hundreds of litigants the opportunity to address the court directly in Spanish. She was recognized by her alma mater with the Dean's Leadership Award in 2015, in 2016 she was recognized as a Woman of the Year by the Center for Women & Democracy, in 2018 earned the Vanguard Award from Washington Women Lawyers, and in 2019 was honored with the Joaquin Avila Award by Seattle University School of Law. In 2021, Judge Galván was appointed as Co-Chair of the Washington State Minority and Justice Commission. She was recognized with the Betty B. Fletcher Award from Mother Attorneys Mentoring Association in 2022, and the La Justicia Award from Seattle University's Latinx Law Student Association in 2023.

In addition to her judicial duties, Judge Galván is currently the past Dean of the Washington State Judicial College where she has taught several courses, most recently, *Emerging Through Bias: Towards A More Fair and Equitable Courtroom*. Judge Galván has also been an adjunct instructor at Seattle University, where she created a multilingual legal education course entitled Spanish for Lawyers, and has lectured and taught extensively nationally and internationally on issues from jury diversity to procedural fairness.