

**Superior Court of the State of Washington
for the County of King**

**Bobbe J. Bridge
Presiding Judge**

**Seattle, Washington
98104-2312**

August 6, 1998

Leonid Ponomarchuk

Dear Mr. Ponomarchuk:

On behalf of the King County Superior Court Judges, I am pleased to appoint you Family Court Commissioner for the King County Superior Court. Such appointment is made pursuant to RCW 26.12.050 and RCW 71.05.135.

As a Family Law Commissioner, you will have jurisdiction to hear all matters as provided by law under RCW Titles 13, 26, 28A and 71, and with all authority as provided by law for commissioners, including the authority provided in RCW 26.12.060, and RCW 71.05.137. In addition, you will have the duties, powers and authority to perform such other business connected with the administration of justice as may be prescribed by law and the Court.

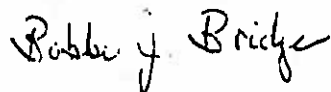
This Commissioner appointment is to an at-will position and as such, you will hold this office at the pleasure of the Judges making the appointment. The Court has total and unreviewable discretion to terminate your appointment at any time for any reason without cause or prior notice. Your appointment has no definite term or duration and will last only so long as the Court desires. Nothing in the King County Superior Court personnel guidelines or employee handbook(s) is intended or should be understood to control this appointment or the terms of your employment. Similarly, no personnel practice or policy and no oral representation or statement, whether now known, adopted or made or discovered, adopted or made at a later date, will alter the terms and conditions of this appointment. In the event this appointment is terminated, you will not be entitled to severance pay.

Your salary will be \$95,945 for the first year of appointment. The Commissioner's salary for any subsequent year(s) of this appointment will be as set by agreement of the Court and the Metropolitan King County Council. For purposes of calculating salary and benefits, the conclusion of the first year of this appointment will be August 24, 1998, unless such appointment is terminated prior to that date.

Letter to Ponomarchuk
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The Judges of the King County Superior Court look forward to working with you and welcome you to our staff. If you have any questions regarding this appointment, please feel free to contact me at 296-9250.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bobbe J. Bridge". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Bobbe J. Bridge
Presiding Judge
King County Superior Court

**Superior Court of the State of Washington
for the County of King**

**Anne L. Ellington
Presiding Judge**

**King County Courthouse
Seattle, Washington 98104
Phone: (206) 296-9095**

December 21, 1994

Mr. Eric B. Watness


Dear Mr. Watness:

It is my pleasure to appoint you to the position of Ex Parte Commissioner for King County Superior Court. I understand that you will begin on March 1, 1995 and will arrange to spend a few days with Commissioner Richey prior to that time.

Your salary for this position will be \$91,770, with benefits for county employees. You have already spoken to Court Operations Director, Claudia Olney, regarding administrative matters, but feel free to contact her if other questions arise before March 1.

The Court is extremely pleased to welcome you.

Very truly yours,


**Anne L. Ellington
Presiding Judge**

ALE/ds

**cc: Michael Planet, Court Administrator
Sheila Guy-Snowden, Personnel Manager
Claudia Olney, Director of Court Operations
Pam Ball, Payroll Coordinator**

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3 **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**
4 **FOR KING COUNTY**

5 In the Matter of the Appointment)

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7 **CARLOS Y. VELATEGUI,**)

NO. 12050-G

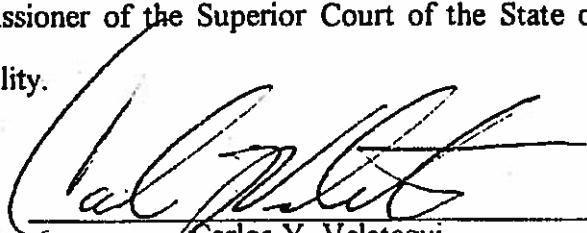
OATH OF OFFICE OF
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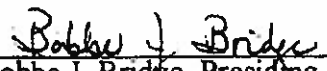
11 COUNTY OF KING)

ss.

12 I, CARLOS Y. VELATEGUI, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the
13 United States and the Constitution of the State of Washington, and that I will faithfully and
14 impartially discharge the duties of Court Commissioner of the Superior Court of the State of
15 Washington for King County, to the best of my ability.

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18 Carlos Y. Velategui

19 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 1st day of May, 1998.

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22 Bobbe J. Bridge, Presiding Judge
23 King County Superior Court
24 State of Washington, County of King

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27 OATH OF OFFICE OF
28 CARLOS Y. VELATEGUI AS
COURT COMMISSIONER

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2 SUPERIOR COURT of the STATE of WASHINGTON
3 for KING COUNTY

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5) No. 12050G
6 In re the Appointment of) ORDER OF APPOINTMENT
7 BONNIE CANADA-THURSTON,)
8 Court Commissioner)
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10 This matter having come on for consideration on the Court's own motion, and the Court
11 finding (1) that the Metropolitan King County Council has previously authorized the position of
12 Family Law Commissioner now held by Bonnie Canada-Thurston; (2) that the judges of the King
13 County Superior Court have selected Bonnie Canada-Thurston as a court commissioner; (3) that
14 Bonnie Canada-Thurston was duly administered the oath of commissioner on January 28, 1993; and
15 (4) that the judges of the King County Superior Court on January 16, 1997 directed the Presiding
16 Judge to issue an order as follows appointing Bonnie Canada-Thurston as a Family Court
17 Commissioner and Mental Health Commissioner with all powers provided by law, now therefore it
18 is hereby

19 ORDERED that BONNIE CANADA-THURSTON is hereby appointed a Family Law and
20 Mental Health Commissioner for the King County Superior Court, as of January 28, 1993, with
21 jurisdiction to hear all matters as provided by law for commissioners under RCW Titles 13, 26 and
22 71, and with all authority provided by law for such commissioners, including the authority provided
23 in RCW 26.12.060, RCW 71.05.135 and RCW 71.05.137.

24 January 31, 1997

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27 Dale B. Ramerman, Presiding Judge

Superior Court of the State of Washington
for the County of King



December 15, 2005

Ms. Elizabeth Castilleja

Dear Ms. Castilleja:

On behalf of the King County Superior Court Judges, I am pleased to appoint you to the position of Family Law Commissioner for King County Superior Court. Such appointment is made pursuant to RCW 26.12.050 and RCW 71.05.135.

As a Family Law Commissioner, you will have jurisdiction to hear all matters as provided by law under RCW Titles 13, 26 28A and 71, and with all authority as provided by law for commissioners, including the authority provided in RCW 26.12.060 and RCW 71.05.137. In addition, you will have the duties, powers and authority to perform such other business connected with the administration of justice as may be prescribed by law and the Court.

This Commissioner appointment is to an at-will position and as such, you will hold this office at the pleasure of the Judges making the appointment. I must inform you that the Court has total and unreviewable discretion to terminate your appointment at any time for any reason with or without cause or prior notice. Your appointment has no definite term or duration and will last only so long as the Court desires. Nothing in the King County Superior Court Administrative Guidelines for Personnel Management or employee handbook(s) is intended or should be understood to control this appointment or the terms of your employment. Similarly, no personnel practice or policy and no oral representation or statement, whether now known, adopted, made or discovered, adopted or made at a later date, will alter the terms and conditions of this employment. In the event this appointment is terminated, you will not be entitled to severance pay.

Your annualized salary will be \$122,953.40.

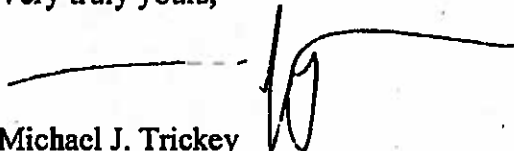
Your first day of work in this position will be Tuesday, January 17, 2006. You will be entitled to thirty working days of vacation per year, and you are eligible to draw from that

balance as of January 17, 2006. You will be entitled to an unlimited number of sick leave days per year. You will receive King County's medical, dental and vision insurance.

Please report to Room E-929 at 8:30 AM on January 17, 2006 to begin your orientation. You will have approximately one week of preliminary orientation, then approximately one week of Judicial College before you begin hearing cases. The Court will also conduct a formal swearing-in ceremony to which you may invite friends and family if you wish. Arrangements for this ceremony are currently pending.

The judges of the King County Superior Court look forward to working with you and welcome you to our staff. If you have any questions regarding this appointment, please feel free to contact me at (206) 296-9265. You may also contact Jeffrey Tsunckawa, Confidential Secretary to King County Superior Court Chief Administrative Officer Paul Sherfey, at (206) 296-9357.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. J. Trickey', with a long horizontal line extending to the left and a vertical line extending upwards from the 'y'.

Michael J. Trickey
Presiding Judge Elect
King County Superior Court

Superior Court of the State of Washington
for the County of King



December 15, 2005

Ms. Lori-Kay Smith

Dear Ms. Smith:

On behalf of the King County Superior Court Judges, I am pleased to appoint you to the position of Family Law Commissioner for King County Superior Court. Such appointment is made pursuant to RCW 26.12.050 and RCW 71.05.135.

As a Family Law Commissioner, you will have jurisdiction to hear all matters as provided by law under RCW Titles 13, 26 28A and 71, and with all authority as provided by law for commissioners, including the authority provided in RCW 26.12.060 and RCW 71.05.137. In addition, you will have the duties, powers and authority to perform such other business connected with the administration of justice as may be prescribed by law and the Court.

This Commissioner appointment is to an at-will position and as such, you will hold this office at the pleasure of the Judges making the appointment. I must inform you that the Court has total and unreviewable discretion to terminate your appointment at any time for any reason with or without cause or prior notice. Your appointment has no definite term or duration and will last only so long as the Court desires. Nothing in the King County Superior Court Administrative Guidelines for Personnel Management or employee handbook(s) is intended or should be understood to control this appointment or the terms of your employment. Similarly, no personnel practice or policy and no oral representation or statement, whether now known, adopted, made or discovered, adopted or made at a later date, will alter the terms and conditions of this employment. In the event this appointment is terminated, you will not be entitled to severance pay.

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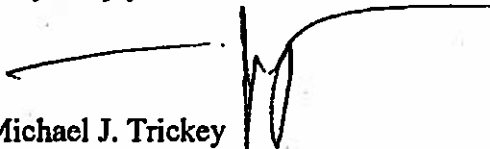
Your first day of work in this position will be Tuesday, January 17, 2006. You will be entitled to thirty working days of vacation per year, and you are eligible to draw from that

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The judges of the King County Superior Court look forward to working with you and welcome you to our staff. If you have any questions regarding this appointment, please feel free to contact me at (206) 296-9265. You may also contact Jeffrey Tsunekawa, Confidential Secretary to King County Superior Court Chief Administrative Officer Paul Sherfey, at (206) 296-9357.

Very truly yours,



Michael J. Trickey
Presiding Judge Elect
King County Superior Court

**Superior Court of the State of Washington
for the County of King**

**Bobbe J. Bridge
Presiding Judge**

**Seattle, Washington
98104-2312**

August 6, 1998

Nancy Bradburn-Johnson

Dear Ms. Bradburn-Johnson:

On behalf of the King County Superior Court Judges, I am pleased to appoint you Family Court Commissioner for the King County Superior Court. Such appointment is made pursuant to RCW 26.12.050 and RCW 71.05.135.

As a Family Law Commissioner, you will have jurisdiction to hear all matters as provided by law under RCW Titles 13, 26, 28A and 71, and with all authority as provided by law for commissioners, including the authority provided in RCW 26.12.060, and RCW 71.05.137. In addition, you will have the duties, powers and authority to perform such other business connected with the administration of justice as may be prescribed by law and the Court.


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Your salary will be \$95,945 for the first year of appointment. The Commissioner's salary for any subsequent year(s) of this appointment will be as set by agreement of the Court and the Metropolitan King County Council. For purposes of calculating salary and benefits, the conclusion of the first year of this appointment will be September 15, 1998, unless such appointment is terminated prior to that date.

Letter to Bradburn-John:
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The Judges of the King County Superior Court look forward to working with you and welcome you to our staff. If you have any questions regarding this appointment, please feel free to contact me at 296-9250.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bobbe J. Bridge".

Bobbe J. Bridge
Presiding Judge
King County Superior Court

Superior Court of the State of Washington
for the County of King

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Dale B. Ramerman
Presiding Judge

King County Superior Court
Seattle, Washington 98104
Phone: (206) 296-9240

August 6, 1996

Ms. Hollis Holman

Re: Ex Parte Commissioner Position

Dear Ms. Holman:

The judges at a special meeting on July 17, 1996, subject to enactment of the authorizing ordinance, voted unanimously to offer you the position of Family Law Commissioner for the period from about September 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997.

By ordinance, the commissioner's salary is 95% of a Superior Court judge's salary. Effective September 1, 1995, the judges' salary is \$99,014 per year. In addition, commissioners receive 30 days time off from the bench, including vacation time, plus the other benefits offered by King County to employees. Please talk to Claudia Olney, Director of Court Operations, about the details of getting on the payroll, getting a robe ordered, etc.

Holly, I am very pleased about having you join our team. You have the personal qualities, background and training to be an outstanding judicial officer.

Faithfully yours,



Dale B. Ramerman
Presiding Judge

DBR/ds

cc: Michael D. Planet, Court Administrator
Claudia Olney, Director of Court Operations
Sheila Guy-Snowden, Personnel Manager

Superior Court of the State of Washington
for the County of King



December 15, 2005

Ms. Meg Sassaman

Dear Ms. Sassaman:

On behalf of the King County Superior Court Judges, I am pleased to appoint you to the position of Family Law Commissioner for King County Superior Court. Such appointment is made pursuant to RCW 26.12.050 and RCW 71.05.135.

As a Family Law Commissioner, you will have jurisdiction to hear all matters as provided by law under RCW Titles 13, 26 28A and 71, and with all authority as provided by law for commissioners, including the authority provided in RCW 26.12.060 and RCW 71.05.137. In addition, you will have the duties, powers and authority to perform such other business connected with the administration of justice as may be prescribed by law and the Court.

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Your annualized salary will be \$122,953.40.

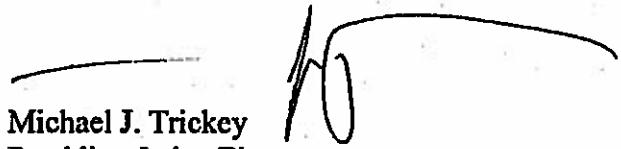
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Very truly yours,


Michael J. Trickey
Presiding Judge Elect
King County Superior Court

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SUPERIOR COURT of the STATE of WASHINGTON
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for KING COUNTY

KING COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT CLERK
SEATTLE, WA

No. 12050G

ORDER OF APPOINTMENT

In re the Appointment of

CARLOS Y. VELATEGUI,

Court Commissioner

This matter having come on for consideration on the Court's own motion, and the Court finding (1) that the Metropolitan King County Council has previously authorized the position of Family Law Commissioner now held by Carlos Y. Velategui; (2) that the judges of the King County Superior Court have selected Carlos Y. Velategui as a court commissioner; (3) that Carlos Y. Velategui was duly administered the oath of commissioner on; and (4) that the judges of the King County Superior Court on January 16, 1997 directed the Presiding Judge to issue an order as follows appointing Carlos Y. Velategui as a Family Court Commissioner and Mental Health Commissioner with all powers provided by law, now therefore it is hereby

ORDERED that CARLOS Y. VELATEGUI is hereby appointed a Family Law and Mental Health Commissioner for the King County Superior Court, as of, with jurisdiction to hear all matters as provided by law for commissioners under RCW Titles 13, 26 and 71, and with all authority provided by law for such commissioners, including the authority provided in RCW 26.12.060, RCW 71.05.135 and RCW 71.05.137.

January 31, 1997


Dale B. Ramerman, Presiding Judge

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
FOR THE COUNTY OF KING**

KING COUNTY COURT HOUSE
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98104
PHONE: 296-9095

ANNE L. ELLINGTON, JUDGE

January 15, 1993

Ms. Bonnie Canada-Thurston

Dear Ms. Canada-Thurston,

In the absence of the Presiding Judge, I am pleased to appoint you to the position of Family Law/Mental Illness Commissioner effective February 1, 1993. You will be sworn in January 28, 1993 at 4:00 p.m. and attend the Office of the Administrator for the Court Judicial Orientation January 31 - February 6, 1993. Thereafter, we will conduct an orientation to our Court here.

Your salary will be \$91,770 annually. Your medical, dental, and vision benefits will remain the same as you currently carry through the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Your appointment reflects your excellent background and qualifications and the high regard of the Judges. Welcome!

Very truly yours,



Anne L. Ellington,
Assistant Presiding Judge

ALE/ds

cc: Charles V. Johnson, Presiding Judge
Pam Hardy, Fiscal Coordinator
Personnel File ✓

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF
WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE
KING COUNTY COURTHOUSE
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98104-2381
(206) 296-9170

Brian Gain
Presiding Judge

516 Third Avenue, E942
Seattle, Washington 98104
brian.gain@metrokc.gov

June 6, 2000

Mr. Richard Gallaher

Dear Mr. Gallaher:

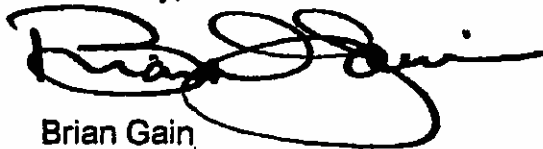
It is my pleasure to appoint you to the position of Commissioner for King County Superior Court effective June 7, 2000. Per Local Rule 0.6, Commissioners shall be appointed by the judges and serve at the pleasure of the judges. As you are aware, this position is supported through BECCA grant funds. This position will remain as long as grant funds are available. You are initially assigned to the Truancy Calendar at Juvenile Court on Monday and the Truancy and At Risk Youth Calendar at the Regional Justice Center Tuesday through Friday.

Your annual salary will be set at 95% of the salary set by state law for superior court judges. The current annual salary for a court commissioner is \$102,885.

You are entitled to 30 days of time away from the bench each year. This time is pro-rated, based on your hire date.

On behalf of the judges, I welcome you to Superior Court.

Sincerely,



Brian Gain
Presiding Judge

Cc: Paul Sherfey, Acting CAO
Mike Planet, Court Administrator
Claudia Olney, Director of Court Operations and Administrative Services
✓ Linda Czeisler, Human Resources Manager



Superior Court of the State of Washington for the County of King

Ms. Julia Garratt

July 29, 2008

Dear Ms. Garratt,

Julia

On behalf of the King County Superior Court Judges, I am pleased to appoint you to the position of King County Superior Court Commissioner for King County Superior Court effective August 25, 2008. Your selection was made from a very competitive field of candidates. Such appointment is made pursuant to RCW 26.12.050 and RCW 71.05.135. Please understand that the provisions of this letter do not constitute an express or implied employment contract, but are simply statements of information that are important for you to know.

As a Court Commissioner, you will have jurisdiction to hear all matters as provided by law under RCW Titles 13, 26 28A and 71, and with all authority as provided by law for commissioners, including the authority provided in RCW 26.12.060 and RCW 71.05.137. In addition, you will have the duties, powers and authority to perform such other business connected with the administration of justice as may be prescribed by law and the Court.

Court commissioners are appointment by the judges and serve at the pleasure of the judges. This commissioner appointment is to an at-will position and as such, either you or the judges may terminate your appointment at any time for any reason with or without cause or prior notice. Your appointment has no definite term or duration and will last only so long as the judges desire. Commissioners are not covered by the King County Superior Court *Administrative Guidelines for Personnel Management* or any other employee handbook(s). This letter contains our entire understanding regarding the conditions of your employment and supersedes any statements made to you by any representative of the Court. There are no express or implied promises for continued employment. In the event this appointment is terminated, you will not be entitled to severance pay.

This commissioner position is exempt from the overtime provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act and is not overtime eligible. Your annualized salary will be \$133,930 (increasing to \$141,390 effective September 1, 2008). You will be entitled to the Court's eleven paid holidays and to thirty days of annual leave, prorated for the final four months of the year. You are eligible

to draw from that balance as of September 1, 2008. Sick leave is also provided as needed.

Please report to the King County Courthouse, 516 3rd Avenue, Human Resources, Room C-903 at 8:30 a.m. on August 25, 2008 to complete employment forms and to begin your orientation. Please complete and come prepared with the enclosed forms.

Your employment with the Court also entitles you to County-paid medical and dental insurance options for you and your family; group term life insurance for you and optional term life insurance for you and your family; savings and deferred compensation options; and an employee bus pass good for all routes on the Community, Metro and Pierce Transit systems.

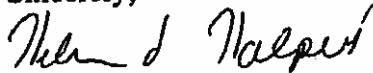
You are required to participate in the Washington State Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). Upon hire you will be automatically enrolled in the PERS Plan 2. You have 90 calendar days from your hire date to decide if you wish to remain in PERS Plan 2 or move to PERS Plan 3. There are significant differences between these two plans, and this is your one and only opportunity to choose your plan. If you do not make your choice during the 90-day window, you will automatically be moved to Plan 3 at a contribution rate of 5.00% of your gross wages.

You have been scheduled for an employee benefits orientation on Wednesday, August 27th at 10:45 a.m. in Room 121 on the first floor of the Chinook Building, located at 401 5th Avenue. You are required to attend this meeting. At this meeting you will receive additional information about all of the benefits and the retirement plan choices available, and you will be able to ask questions. At the end of the meeting you will be asked to complete enrollment forms for yourself and family members in the medical dental, vision, life, accidental death and dismemberment and long term disability plans.

Please come prepared with correct names, Social Security numbers, birth dates of family members for which you may be electing health benefits or designating as beneficiaries for applicable retirement and insurance plans.

The judges of the King County Superior Court look forward to working with you and welcome you to our staff. If you have any questions regarding this appointment, please feel free to contact me at (206) 296-9096. You may also contact Angelina Jimeno, Confidential Secretary to King County Superior Court Chief Administrative Officer Paul Sherfey, at (206) 296-9357.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Helen Halpert
Assistant Presiding Judge
King County Superior Court

cc: Personnel File