

TMCLGR 29.2.1

COURT COMMISSIONERS

(a) Selection:

(1) Upon a vacancy for Court Commissioner, the Court will advertise the vacancy and accept applications.

(2) The majority of the Judges shall decide which candidates to interview and conduct interviews. Any Judge of this Court may attend, participate, and vote during the selection process. The selection shall be by majority vote of the Judges present at a regularly scheduled Judges' meeting or a meeting called by the Presiding Judge for this purpose.

(3) Upon selection, the Court Commissioner will be appointed by order of the Presiding Judge.

(b) Termination:

A Court Commissioner is an at-will employee and shall serve at the pleasure of the Judges. Any decision to terminate a Court Commissioner shall be made by a majority vote of the Judges at a Judge's meeting.

(c) Duties:

The Court Commissioner is a subordinate judicial officer whose duties are set forth in the provisions of RCW 3.42. These duties include: presiding over and adjudicating a variety of hearings and trials as prescribed by Washington State law in accordance with established court rules, legal procedures and professional ethics; imposing appropriate sentences and penalties; maintaining complete compliance with the Code of Judicial Conduct; communicating with other city, county and state criminal justice agencies and community service organizations; and assisting in departmental operations and other related duties as assigned. The Court Commissioner may be required to serve as a Municipal Court Judge Pro Tem.