

Linda W.Y. Coburn

Soon after her appointment as the Edmonds Municipal Court Judge in January 2015, Judge Coburn also was appointed to the Washington State Minority and Justice Commission. She also currently serves on the governing board of the District and Municipal Court Judges Association.

Prior to becoming a judge, she was a felony attorney at Snohomish County Public Defender Association. She was first hired by that office in 2006 after having clerked for the Honorable George N. Bowden in Snohomish County Superior Court. She left the public defenders temporarily to clerk for the Honorable Stephen J. Dwyer at the Washington State Court of Appeals.

Judge Coburn was born in Taipei, Taiwan, but immigrated to the Midwest at the age of four. This Nebraska Cornhusker turned into a Husky while attending the University of Washington, where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in communication. She also is a graduate of the Radcliffe Publishing Procedures Course at Harvard University. Judge Coburn holds a master of science degree from Ohio University in journalism. She earned her J.D. from Seattle University School of Law, where she received the 2005 Barrister Award.

Judge Coburn has always focused her career on public service. Prior to entering the legal field, she previously worked as a journalist, in a public library, and at the United States Marine Corps Headquarters.

Judge Coburn is a member of the Washington State and Snohomish County Bar Associations, the National Association of Women Judges, and the Asian Bar Association of Washington.

Edmonds has been Judge Coburn's home since 1992. She is married, raised two boys here, and can still be seen umpiring a Little League game on occasion.

