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Kecia Rongen Chair, Indeterminate Sentence Review Board

Kecia Rongen has worked within the criminal justice system for 20 years, specializing with the sexual offender population. Just prior to coming to the Board, she served as the Administrator for Sexual Offender Programs within the Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration. In addition, she has served on a number of legislative workgroups related to sex offender management. She has served as the Chair of the statewide Sex Offender Policy Board twice from 2010-2012 and 2014-2016 and as a Board Member for the WA Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers. The Governor appointed her to the Board in 2012, and appointed her as Chair in September of 2015.

Sheriff Paul A. Pastor Pierce County, Washington

The Pierce County Sheriff's Department consists of 331 law enforcement officers, 334 Corrections Officers and 120 civilian personnel serving in Washington State's second largest County.

Prior to taking this position, he served as Chief of the Department's Operations Bureau in charge of all law enforcement operations (1996 – 2000), Undersheriff for the Clark County Washington Sheriff's Office (1993 - 1996) and Chief of Police for the city of Everett, Washington (1991 - 1992). From 1986 to 1991, he served at the rank of Inspector for the Pierce County Sheriff's Department.

In the early 1980's, he was in charge of state staff at the Washington Criminal Justice Training Academy where he also managed the Loaned Executive Program and Washington Crime Watch. He holds a Bachelor's Degree from Pomona College as well as two Master's degrees and a Doctorate from Yale University.

He has lectured in several programs at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia and has received two special commendations from the Director of the FBI for his contributions to law enforcement management training.

He is a graduate of the FBI's National Executive Institute and is a Senior Fellow in the American Leadership Forum.

He helped design the national model procedures for policing mass civil disturbance after the World Trade Organization riot in Seattle and also consulted to the International Olympic Security Committee in Salt Lake City in 2001. He serves on state and national committees for emergency mobilization, ethics and intelligence and in 2004 helped develop the National Sheriff's Association Weapons of Mass Destruction training program. In addition, he helped develop the Washington State law on police use of lethal force and the Northwest Law Enforcement Executive Command College.

Hon. Catherine D. Shaffer King County Superior Court

Judge Catherine D. Shaffer is a King County Superior Court Judge in Seattle, Washington, a position she has held since November 2000. She has served as a judge in the Criminal, Civil and Family Law Divisions of the King County Superior Court and has presided over a number of complex civil and criminal cases.

Judge Shaffer has served as a Governor and past chair of the Bylaws Committee and Domestic Violence and Education Committees of the American Judges Associations (AJA). She is now the AJA President

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Elect, and is President of the American Judges Foundation. She has served as past chair of the Washington Superior Court Judges Association (SCJA) Legislation Committee and Criminal Law & Rules Committee, past President of the King County Law Library Board, and past co-chair of the Washington State Bar Association Access to Justice Board's Impediments Committee.

Judge Shaffer is a faculty member at the National Judicial College and the Washington State Judicial College, and an Instructor in Trial Advocacy at the University of Washington. She received her J.D. from Columbia School of Law, where she served on the Law Review, and her B.A. from Wellesley College. Her awards include the 2007 White Ribbon Award from the Alliance of People with disabilities and Access to Justice Judicial Leadership Award, the 2012 King County Washington Women Lawyers Presidents Award, and the 2013 American Judges Association Judge Bob Jones Memorial Award.

Tim Wettack Citizen Representative

Career: Labor Relations. Retired in 2010 after 40+ years representing Management. Negotiated over 1,000 private sector labor contracts, including multi-employer and/or multi-union bargaining, in multiple industries with numerous labor unions.

Education: BS(1965) MS(1971), Business, University of Kansas

Military: US Naval Officer, 1965-1969. 2 combat deployments to Vietnam. SEAL platoon commander.

My interest in criminal justice and sentencing stems from my older son, Timothy. He graduated from UW in December 2010 with a degree in Law, Societies and Justice. His classes on prisons fascinated him. A February 2012 visit to the Concerned Lifers Organization (CLO) prisoner group at WSR Monroe made a huge impact upon him. Tragically, five days after his prison visit, he was killed in a motor cycle accident. I believe Timothy would have pursued his great interest in prisons. I am attempting to contribute in his stead and in his honor.

Kimberly N. Gordon Criminal Defense Attorney

Kimberly Gordon defends the criminally accused and the constitution. She has successfully litigated everything from misdemeanors to complex frauds and serious felony cases in Washington's city, state, and federal courts.

In addition to the Commission, Governor Inslee appointed Kim to Washington's Justice Reinvestment Task Force. She is a current member of the Criminal Justice Act Standing Committee for the Western District of Washington, and served on that jurisdiction's Local Criminal Rules Review Committee in 2013. Kim served as president of the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers in 2012, and was a long-term Co-Chair of WACDL's Legislative Committee. In 2011, she received WACDL's President's Award, in recognition of her distinguished service to the criminal defense bar.

Kim is a founding partner of Gordon & Saunders PLLC, a firm dedicated to the representation (pre- and post-conviction) of individuals charged with crimes. She effectively argued numerous felony appeals for the Washington Appellate Project, began her trial practice at The Defender Association (becoming the Misdemeanor Supervisor in 2002), and was a member of the criminal defense team at Schroeter, Goldmark and Bender. Her education includes Hastings College, Tulane Law School, and the National Criminal Defense College.

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Kim has been repeatedly named a “Super Lawyer” and one of the “Top Attorney’s in Washington” in the area of criminal defense. She has lectured on criminal defense and criminal justice policy at a wide range of institutions and organizations, including the University of Washington School of Law, Seattle University School of Law, National Legal Aid and Defender Association, National Institute of Trial Advocacy, Washington Defender Association, Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, King County Bar Association, and Washington State Bail Agents Association.

Representative Brad Klippert Washington State Representative

Rep. Brad Klippert is serving his fourth term from the 8th District. He was born and raised in Sunnyside and attended Evangel College in Springfield, Missouri; City University, Tacoma; Northwest University, Kirkland; Central Washington University (earning national paramedic certification) and Columbia Basin College (earning EMT certification). Rep. Klippert holds a master’s degree in Teaching and bachelor’s degrees in Behavioral Science and Biblical Studies. He has taught at the elementary, middle, high school and college levels. With more than 27 years of military service, Rep. Klippert is a helicopter pilot with the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Army National Guard. He is also a 21-year county law enforcement officer. Rep. Klippert and his wife, Kim, have two daughters and an adopted son.

Dr. Jennifer Albright Citizen Representative

Dr. Jennifer Albright has a PhD in Criminal Justice from Washington State University where her areas of emphasis included policing and juvenile corrections.

Jennifer currently serves as a Project / Program Manager IV for the King County Department of Adult and Juvenile detention where she provides analytic, research and policy support to both the adult and juvenile divisions, as well as supporting department management in Department and County- wide programs and initiatives. She is currently involved in the development of requirements for a total replacement of the Department’s aging Jail Management System as well as assisting in re-development of a comprehensive staffing analysis and plan for the two adult divisions.

Previously Jennifer worked with the Seattle Police Department where duties included complex policy and program analysis around many aspects of the SPD’s work, including officer use of force, crisis intervention, staffing and response time. She was responsible for the development of business and technical requirements for a business intelligence system that supports better analysis of data and management of the Department.

Dr. Albright has 20 years of experience in research and policy analysis in many aspects of criminal justice policy at the state and local levels in Washington state and served as staff to the Sentencing Guidelines Commission in the early 2000’s. Dr. Albright is also an adjunct professor in the Criminal Justice Department at Seattle University.

Hon. Roger Rogoff King County Superior Court

Roger Rogoff has been a superior court judge since January 2014 (appointed by Gov. Inslee and subsequently re-elected), and currently serves in juvenile court. Prior to that, he served on both the criminal and civil rotations of the superior court bench.

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Roger is married with two daughters, ages 14 and 6. He grew up in two great basketball communities - Chapel Hill, NC and Tucson, AZ. Thus, he is a huge college basketball fan and dreads the days when the Tar Heels play the Wildcats. He graduated college in 1990 from Emory University in Atlanta, GA and from law school in 1993 at the University of Washington. After graduation, he spent 14 years working as a deputy and senior deputy prosecuting attorney at the King County Prosecutor's Office, with one brief 2-year foray into private practice. During that time, he focused mostly on the prosecution of domestic violence and sexual assault cases, eventually serving as a co-chair of each unit. As a lawyer, he tried more than 100 jury and bench trials, ranging from DUIs, to Rapes, to Homicides, and everything in between. Beginning in 2006, he served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Washington, investigating criminal cases related to child exploitation, international drug and gun smuggling, money-laundering, and fraud.

Roger is a regionally-ranked tennis player in his age group, and an all-around weekend warrior. He also loves watching his daughters participate in basketball, gymnastics, softball and karate.

**Senator Kevin Van De Wege
Washington State Senate**

Kevin Van De Wege is a firefighter, paramedic, husband and father. A lifelong Washington resident, he is serving his first term in the Senate after five terms in the House of Representatives.

As a young child, Kevin's parents instilled the core values of family and service in him. When he was old enough to serve his community, Kevin became a volunteer firefighter, eventually deciding to turn it into a full-time career. He went on to earn degrees in fire administration and fire investigation, as well as paramedic certification. He also received a BA in Social Science from Washington State University. The ranking member of the Senate Natural Resources Committee, Kevin also serves on the Senate Transportation Committee and the Senate Agriculture, Water, Trade & Economic Development Committee.

Kevin's legislative accomplishments include helping to secure permanent, year-round funding for a rescue tug at Neah Bay, and keeping state parks open to the public even in the midst of severe budget challenges. In 2009, he was presented with a "Sound Hero" award from People for Puget Sound for his work to help protect Puget Sound and the Strait of Juan de Fuca from oil spills.

A proud resident of the beautiful community of Sequim, Kevin and his wife Jennifer, a high school teacher, enjoy raising their two children on the Olympic Peninsula.

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Jon Tunheim
Prosecuting Attorney, Thurston County

Originally from South Dakota, Jon Tunheim earned his Bachelor Degree in Physics at South Dakota State University and moved to Washington to attend law school at the University of Puget Sound School of Law. While in law school, he joined the Thurston County Prosecuting Attorney's Office as a legal intern. He was admitted to the practice of law in 1990, and immediately appointed as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, serving the office in that capacity until elected Prosecuting Attorney in 2010. During his career, Tunheim personally prosecuted hundreds of cases, specializing in cases involving sexual assault, domestic violence and crimes against children. As a deputy prosecutor, Tunheim was a leader in the effort to create Monarch Children's Justice and Advocacy Center, an organization providing coordinated services to child victims of abuse and neglect.

Tunheim is an active member of Washington's legal community. He is a past president of the Washington Government Lawyers Bar Association and was the first president of the Association of Thurston County Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys. He currently serves on the Washington State Sentencing Guidelines Commission, the Paralegal Advisory Board for South Puget Sound Community College, and is the current president of the Washington State Association of Drug Court Professionals.

A graduate of Leadership Thurston County (Class of 2002), he now serves on its Board of Regents and supports many other local charities. He is a current member of the Board of Directors for the United Way of Thurston County, and previously served on the boards of the Child Care Action Council, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and the Family Support Center of South Sound.

For his community work, Tunheim was named a "21st Century Leader" by The Olympian, and a "Champion for Kids" by TOGETHER! He is a recipient of Thurston Community Network's "Making a Difference in the Life of a Child" award and later recognized as a "Local Hero" by the Washington State Bar Association. In 2012, Tunheim was named "Lawyer of the Year" by the Thurston County Bar Association and later named a "Champion for Washington's Kids" by the organization Fight Crime: Invest in Kids. Most recently, he was recognized as the "Elected Official of the Year" by the Foster Parents Association of Washington State.

Stephen Sinclair
Secretary, Department of Corrections

Stephen Sinclair was appointed Secretary of the Washington State Department of Corrections on April 25, 2017. After serving in the United States Army, he began his 28+ year career at the agency as a correctional officer and gained progressively greater responsibilities as investigator, sergeant, associate superintendent, superintendent, and assistant secretary. As superintendent of the Washington State Penitentiary, Sinclair created and pioneered the Sustainability in Prisons Project, which employs incarcerated individuals in jobs that reduce the cost of facility operations, provides meaningful vocational work and skills training while reducing idleness, and allows them the opportunity to give back to the community. The lab employs more than 120 people and is a national model of innovation that reduces recidivism. Sinclair has a Master of

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Public Administration from the University of Washington. He is a member of the Association of State Correctional Administrators, the American Correctional Association and the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation. Sinclair is a 2009 recipient of the Governor's Award for Leadership in Management.

Phillip Lemley
Councilmember, City of Richland

Born- SE Arkansas on my grandfather's farm

Raised in- Texarkana and Little Rock, AR.

College- Attended University of Arkansas Little Rock

Military- USMC 1960-1968

Licensed Private Pilot

Work history- I have worked for some of the largest corporations in the world including SW Bell Telephone, Time Inc., AT&T, USWest, Lucient Technologies and Bechtel National Inc. as project manager, project engineer and program manager. I have lived all over the US and around the world, one of which was the tropical island of Penang Malaysia.

I have owed my own company with offices in North Carolina, Arkansas, Tennessee and Texas. All were utility construction companies and three cable television franchises.

I moved to Richland in 2001 as the project engineer for Bechtel National's 12.2 Billion dollar Nuclear Waste Treatment Plant being built at Hanford for the Department of Energy. My responsibility was the communications, data and security networks for the entire plant of 23 buildings. I retired in 2010.

I was elected to the Richland City Council in 2010 and have served two more terms and will be up for re-election in 2019. My council duties include serving as liaison to seven different boards and commissions where I serve on the board of directors on two of those. I am on the board of directors on one additional organization, Tri-Cities Residential Services Inc. where I am the board President.

I have five state/county duties that include the 8 county SE WA. Aging and Long Term Care Council of Governments, where I represent Benton County. I serve on the WA State Council on Aging, WA State Emergency Management Council, WA State Building Code Council and of course the WA State Sentencing Guidelines Commission.

I have one Federal duty and that is The DOE's Hanford Advisory Board where I represent the Benton Franklin Council of Governments.

I am a member of the Richland Rotary club and have been for 11 years and have served on the Board of Directors and as Program Chairman.

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My past Board of Directors duties have been the Benton Franklin American Red Cross, First Tee of the Mid-Columbia and the Blue Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America where I was also the Chairman of the Rattlesnake Ridge District.

I volunteer every Sunday at the Kadlec Regional Medical Center and work in the triage center of the emergency room. I volunteer every Monday at the Tri-City Food Bank where I pick up food supplies from every grocer in the Tri-Cities.