
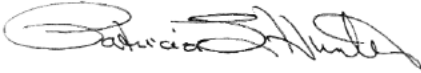




# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Lynne Wilson</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>Community Police Commission</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Member</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Appointment</b> OR <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reappointment</b>		<b>Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Community Police Commission</i>	<b>Date Appointed:</b> <i>3/22/2023</i>	<b>Term of Position: *</b> <i>1/1/2021</i> <b>to</b> <i>12/31/2023</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>Capitol Hill</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <i>98102-5023</i>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Background:</b> <i>Lynne Wilson is a civil rights attorney who has practiced in Seattle for more than thirty years. She focuses on police misconduct, prisoner civil rights, and personal injury law in state and federal courts. She graduated cum laude from Seattle University Law School after previously working as a journalist. Ms. Wilson served on the board of Mothers for Police Accountability for 27 years and on the ACLU Legal Committee for ten years in the 1990s. In 1999, she was a founding member of the National Lawyers Guild's Police Accountability Project. In 2013, she helped launch the Northwest Police Misconduct Attorneys group and currently serves as a co-facilitator.</i>		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b> 	<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Joel C. Merkel</i> <i>Community Police Commission Co-Chair</i>	
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b> 	<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Reverend Patricia Hunter</i> <i>Community Police Commission Co-Chair</i>	

\*Term begin and end date is fixed and tied to the position and not appointment date.

# LYNNE WILSON

*Attorney at Law*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & SKILLS

Substantial civil litigation experience in personal injury and federal civil rights cases. Experience covers all aspects of discovery, taking and defending depositions, summary judgments, motions, trial briefs, research memos, jury instructions, settlement demands, meditations, appeals. Substantial experience acting as a Superior Court arbitrator in tort cases. Federal experience includes Ninth Circuit appeals. Civil rights experience includes police excessive force, search and seizure violations, racial profiling, solitary confinement policies, coercive investigation techniques in child abuse cases.

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

**2001- Present Solo Practice.** Focus on personal injury and civil rights cases. Contract work areas include employment, tribal law, real estate, family law, elder law, criminal, commercial, insurance defense. Worked full-time in 2011 for *Reeve Shima*, a workers compensation law firm. Civil Rights cases: *Releford v. City of Tukwila* [multiple tasing]; *Penwell v. King County* [changing Jail policy to allow group worship for those in solitary confinement]

**1999-2000 Litigation Associate: *Reaugh, Fischnaller, Oettinger, Merker & Luppert.*** Responsible for all aspects of plaintiff tort, employment & real estate litigation, including intake, discovery, depositions, motions, arbitrations, settlement & appeals.

**1996-1999 Solo Practice.** Focus on personal injury & civil rights cases. Contract work included: (1) *Sinsheimer & Meltzer*: Successfully represented plaintiff in civil rights lawsuit arising out of Wenatchee child sexual abuse prosecutions [*Doggett v. Perez*]; (2) *Northcraft & Tierney*: Complex civil rights litigation on behalf of municipalities & school districts including successful appeal of student religious freedom case [*Truth v. Kent School District* (upholding district disapproval of discriminatory after-school bible club)]

**1991-1995 Litigation Associate: *Sinsheimer & Meltzer.*** Plaintiff litigation with emphasis on complex civil rights & personal injury claims. All aspects of litigation including depositions, discovery, motions, mediations, arbitrations, trials & appeals. Personal Injury: *Sorenson v. Udderberg* [changing premises liability for owner of icy parking lot]

**1988-1990 Contract Attorney:** Entry-level work included: (1) *Thomas J. Chambers*: Settlement demands and appeals in complex personal injury cases; (2) *Deborah Senn*: Wrote briefs in Illinois utility rate cases representing Illinois Citizens Utility Board

## EDUCATION

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, J.D., *cum laude*, 1987, Law Review Articles Editor  
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, B.A., Comparative Literature, 1971

**PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

**PUBLISHED ARTICLES**

1. *Crisis Intervention & The Limits of De-Escalation*, Police Misconduct and Civil Rights Law Report [PMCRLR], Vol. 12 No. 7 (2018)
2. *Police Body Camera Policies, Privacy & Community Trust*, PMCRLR, Vol. 11 No. 14 (2016)
3. “Prisoner’s Religious Freedom Case Succeeds in Changing Solitary Confinement Policy,” Federal Bar Association (W.D.Wash.) News, Vol. 35 No. 2 (2013)
4. “Roberto Zamora and the Right to Peace,” International Association of Democratic Lawyers UN Activities Bulletin (2013), pp. 8-9
5. *Canadian Aboriginal Woodcarver’s Death Triggers Federal Oversight of Seattle Police*, PMCRLR, Vol. 10 No. 14 (2013)
6. *The Implications of Taser Failure to Warn Liability for Police Misconduct Suits*, PMCRLR, Vol. 10 No. 6 (2011)
7. *The Anatomy of a Post-Tasering Death*, PMCRLR, Vol. 9 No. 18 (2010)
8. *Canadian Commission Recommends Restraint on Police Use of Tasers*, PMCRLR, Vol. 9 No. 13 (2010)
9. *Beyond Graham: Defining Deadly Force in Non-Firearm Cases*, PMCRLR, Vol. 8 No. 5 (2005)
10. *Police Prone Restraint Methods & Taser-Related Deaths*, PMCRLR, Vol. 8 No. 1 (2005)
11. *Equal Protection and the Future of Racial Profiling*, PMCRLR, Vol. 7 No. 14 (2004)
12. *Mass Protest Litigation in the Post-9/11 Era*, PMCRLR, Vol. 7 No. 11 (2003)
13. *Counterterrorism & the Demise of Posse Comitatus*, PMCRLR, Vol. 7 No. 4 (2002)
14. *Less Lethal Weapons & the Fourth Amendment*, PMCRLR, Vol. 7 No. 1 (2002)
15. *Fighting the Collateral Estoppel Defense in §1983 Litigation*, PMCRLR, Vol. 6 No. 13 (2001)
16. *Law Enforcement Liability for Coercive Child Sex Abuse Investigations*, PMCRLR, Vol. 6 No. 5, September/October 1999
17. *Posse Comitatus, Drugs, & the Militarization of Local Police*, PMCRLR, Vol. 6 No. 1 (1999)
18. *Private Police Violence & the Scope of Section 1983*, PMCRLR, Vol. 5 No. 15 (1998)

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19. *The Downsizing of Qualified Immunity in Private Prison Litigation Under 42 U.S.C. §1983*, PMCLR, Vol. 5 No 11 (1997)
20. *The Use and Abuse of Pepper Spray*, PMCLR, Vol. 5 No. 8 (1997)
21. *Democracy vs. Collective Bargaining: Countering the Police Union Attack on Citizen Review*, PMCLR, Vol. 5 No. 5 (1996)
22. *The Limits of Local Police Involvement in the Enforcement of Immigration Laws*, PMCLR, Vol. 4 No. 16 (1995)
23. *Malicious Prosecution Counterclaims and the Right of Petition in Police Misconduct Suits*, PMCLR, Vol. 4 No 11 (1994)
24. *The Public's Right of Access to Police Misconduct Files*, PMCLR, Vol. 4 No. 7 (1994)

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

1. Panel Speaker, Washington State Bar Association World Peace Through Law Section, “Using International Law in Domestic Practice,” April 2019
2. Speaker, Washington Association of Justice CLE, “Police Misconduct: From Ferguson to Pasco,” Presentation on Current Status of Qualified Immunity, March 2015
3. Co-Facilitator, Northwest Police Misconduct Attorneys, 2013-Present
4. King County Superior Court Ex Parte Pro Tem Commissioner, 2013-2014
5. Volunteer of the Month Award, King County Bar Association, March 2013
6. Modest Means Program Panel Attorney, Washington State Bar Association, 2011 to 2017
7. Pro Bono Civil Rights Litigation Panel, Federal Bar Association of Western District of Washington, 2009 to Present
8. Speaker, “Venturing Out on Your Own,” Job Strategies Workshop, Seattle University Law School, August 26, 2011
9. Speaker, “Police Accountability in Seattle,” Social Justice Tuesday, University of Washington School of Law, February 1, 2011
10. Appointed Member, Seattle City Council Police Accountability Review Panel, 2007-2008.
11. Speaker, “Tasers, Torture and Technology” Workshop, National Coalition on Police Accountability Conference [Portland, OR], October 16, 2004

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12. Speaker, Police Litigation Workshop, National Lawyers Guild Regional Meeting 2004
13. Seminar Keynote Speaker, “Police Associations and Community Conflict,” National Coalition of Public Safety Officers, San Diego, CA, September 3, 2003
14. 2002 Lawyer of the Year Award, Mothers for Police Accountability, Seattle, WA.
15. Speaker, How Do We Get Police Accountability, First African Methodist Episcopal Church, Public Discussion with Seattle Community Leaders, October 26, 2001.
16. Expert Testimony Regarding Police Unions, Amnesty International USA Public Hearing Regarding Anti-WTO Protests, Town Hall Center, Seattle, WA, March 30, 2000.
17. Keynote Speaker, 1998 World Conference of the International Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement, Seattle, WA, October 19, 1998.
18. Advisory Board, National Lawyers Guild National Police Accountability Project, 1997-2004.
19. Executive Board, Mothers for Police Accountability, 1994 to 2021
20. Legal Observer for International Association of Democratic Lawyers, Truth and Reconciliation Commission Hearings, East London, South Africa, April 1996.
21. Member, ACLU of Washington Police Practices and Legal Committees, 1995-2004.
22. Appointed Member, Seattle City Council Community-Police Relations Task Force, 1993-1995.

### PRE-LAWYER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- 1974-1978 Intake Specialist, Seattle-King County Office of Citizen Complaints (Ombudsman)  
1978-1979 Writer on Criminal Justice Issues, *Seattle Weekly*  
1979-1987 Complex Litigation Paralegal & Law Clerk, *Houghton Cluck Coughlin & Riley*

# Community Police Commission

21 Members: Pursuant to 125315, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3

- 7 City Council-appointed
- 7 Mayor-appointed
- 7 Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify):

## Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
	F		1.	Member	Lars Erickson	1/1/23	12/31/25	1	Mayor
			2.	Member	Patricia L. Hunter	1/1/21	12/31/23	1	City Council
			3.	Public Defense	Adrien Leavitt	1/1/21	12/31/23	1	CPC
2	F		4.	Member	Suzette Dickerson	1/1/21	12/31/23	2	Mayor
			5.	Member	Vacant	1/1/21	12/31/23		City Council
			6.	Civil Liberties	Lynne Wilson	1/1/21	12/31/23	1	CPC
	F		7.	Member	Raven Nicole Tyler	1/1/22	12/31/24	1	Mayor
			8.	Member	Mary Ruffin	1/1/22	12/31/24	1	City Council
4	M		9.	Member	Vacant	1/1/20	12/31/22		CPC
2	F		10.	Member	Harriett Walden	1/1/19	12/31/21	3	Mayor
			11.	Member	Joel Merkel	1/1/22	12/31/24	1	City Council
7	M		12.	Member	Amante (Monty) B. Vizcaya	1/1/22	12/31/24	1	CPC
9	F		13.	Member	Vacant	1/1/22	12/31/24		Mayor
			14.	Member	Le'Jayah Washington	1/1/22	12/31/24	2	City Council
2	M		15.	SPOG	Mark Mullens	1/1/23	12/31/25	3	CPC
			16.	Member	Vacant	1/1/20	12/31/22		Mayor
3	NB	3	17.	Member	Alina Santillan	1/1/23	12/31/25	2	City Council
			18.	SPMA	Anthony Gaedcke	1/1/23	12/31/25	1	CPC
			19.	Member	Jeremy Wood	1/1/22	12/31/23	1	Mayor
			20.	Member	Tascha R. Johnson	1/1/23	12/31/25	2	City Council
2	F		21.	Member	Erica Newman	1/1/23	12/31/25	2	CPC

**SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART**

					(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
	Male	Female	Transgender	NB/ O/ U	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/ Non- Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
<b>Mayor</b>		5				2		2					2
<b>Council</b>	1	1	1			2	1						1
<b>Other</b>	4	2			1	2			1	1	1		
<b>Total</b>	5	9	1		1	6	1	2	1	1	1		3

**Key:**

**\*D** List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)

**\*\*G** List *gender*, **M**= Male, **F**= Female, **T**= Transgender, **NB**= Non-Binary **O**= Other **U**= Unknown

**RD** Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A

*Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.*