



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Lynne Wilson</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Community Police Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>Member</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment	City Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> City Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Community Police Commission</i>	Term of Position: * 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2027 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Capitol Hill</i>	Zip Code: <i>98102</i>	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: Lynne Wilson is a semi-retired civil rights attorney who has practiced in Seattle for thirty-five years. Her professional background includes police misconduct, prisoner civil rights, and personal injury litigation 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.		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): <i>Joel C. Merkel, Jr.</i> Date Signed (appointed): 5/14/24	Appointing Signatory: <i>Joel C. Merkel</i> <i>Community Police Commission Co-Chair</i>	
Authorizing Signature (original signature): <i>Patricia Hunter</i> Date Signed (appointed): 5/14/24	Appointing Signatory: <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 the 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. Significant experience 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, child abuse investigation techniques.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2001- 2023 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 caes: *Releford v. City of Tukwila* [multiple tasing]; *Penwell v. King County* [changing King County 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 federal religious freedom case [*Truth vs 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 one appeal 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

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

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

PUBLISHED ARTICLES (Cont'd)

17. Private Police Violence and the Scope of Section 1983, PMCRLR, Vol. 5 No. 15, May/June 1998
18. The Downsizing of Qualified Immunity in Private Prison Litigation Under 42 U.S.C. §1983, PMCRLR, Vol. 5 No 11, September/October 1997
19. The Use and Abuse of Pepper Spray, PMCRLR, Vol. 5 No. 8, March/April 1997
20. Democracy vs. Collective Bargaining: Countering the Police Union Attack on Citizen Review, PMCRLR, Vol. 5 No. 5, September/October 1996
21. The Limits of Local Police Involvement in the Enforcement of Immigration Laws, PMCRLR, Vol. 4 No. 16, July/August 1995
22. Malicious Prosecution Counterclaims and the Right of Petition in Police Misconduct Suits, PMCRLR, Vol. 4 No 11, September/October 1994
23. The Public's Right of Access to Police Misconduct Files, PMCRLR, Vol. 4 No. 7, January/February 1994

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. Pro Bono Award, Federal Bar Association, Western District of Washington, October 2023
2. Panel Speaker, Washington State Bar Association World Peace through Law Section, "Using International Law in Domestic Practice," April 2019
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. Speaker, Washington Association of Justice CLE, "Police Misconduct: From Ferguson to Pasco," Presentation on Current Status of Qualified Immunity, March 2015
7. Volunteer of the Month Award, King County Bar Association, March 2013
8. Modest Means Program Panel Attorney, Washington State Bar Association, 2011 to 2017
9. Pro Bono Civil Rights Litigation Panel, Federal Bar Association of Western District of Washington, 2009 to 2023
10. Speaker, "Police Accountability in Seattle," Social Justice Tuesday, University of Washington School of Law, February 1, 2011

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (Cont'd)

11. Appointed Member, Seattle City Council Police Accountability Review Panel, October 2007 to June 2008.
12. Speaker, “Tasers, Torture and Technology” Workshop, National Coalition on Police Accountability Conference [Portland, OR], October 16, 2004
13. Speaker, Police Litigation Workshop, National Lawyers Guild Regional Meeting [Olympia, WA], April 4, 2004.
14. Seminar Keynote Speaker, “Police Associations and Community Conflict,” National Coalition of Public Safety Officers, San Diego, CA, September 3, 2003
15. 2002 Lawyer of the Year Award, Mothers for Police Accountability, Seattle, WA.
16. Speaker, How Do We Get Police Accountability, First African Methodist Episcopal Church, Public Discussion with Seattle Community Leaders, October 26, 2001.
17. Expert Testimony Regarding Police Unions, Amnesty International USA Public Hearing Regarding Anti-WTO Protests, Town Hall Center, Seattle, WA, March 30, 2000.
18. Keynote Speaker, 1998 World Conference of the International Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement, Seattle, WA, October 19, 1998.
19. Advisory Board, National Lawyers Guild National Police Accountability Project, 1997-2004.
20. Executive Board, Mothers for Police Accountability, 1994 to 2021
21. Legal Observer for International Association of Democratic Lawyers, Truth and Reconciliation Commission Hearings, East London, South Africa, April 1996.
22. Member, ACLU of Washington Police Practices and Legal Committees, 1995-2004.
23. Appointed Member, Seattle City Council Community-Police Relations Task Force, 1993-1995.

PRE-LAWYER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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

Council	3	1				3				1		
Other	2	2			1	2	1			1	1	1
Total	8	6			1	8	1	1		4	1	1

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.