



HON. S. KATE VAUGHAN
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Appointed: May 3, 2021

Professional Experience

- 2019 - 2023 Adjunct Professor, University of Washington School of Law
- 2010 - 2021 Assistant United States Attorney, Criminal Division, Western
District of Washington, Seattle,
Supervising Assistant United States Attorney, General Crimes Unit,
2019-2021
- 2007 - 2010 Associate, Commercial Litigation, Perkins Coie LLP, Seattle
- 2004 - 2006 Law Clerk to the Honorable Anne Ellington
Washington State Court of Appeals Division I, Seattle, Washington
- 2000 - 2001 Case Manager, Pro Bono Attorney Training Director
Court Appointed Special Advocate Program, Boise, Idaho
- 1996 - 1999 Economic Policy Advisor Representing the United Kingdom at the
Executive Boards of the International Monetary Fund and World
Bank, Washington D.C.
- 1994 - 1996 Assistant Private Secretary to the Chancellor of Exchequer, His
Majesty's Treasury, London, United Kingdom

Education

Juris Doctor, with Honors, University of Washington School of Law, 2004

- Order of the Coif
- Articles Editor, Washington Law Review
- Moot Court Honor Board, Member
- Law School Admissions Committee Member

Bachelor of Arts, First Class Honors, Durham University, United Kingdom, 1993

Professional and Community Activities and Awards

- Ninth Circuit Tribal and Native Relations Committee, 2025 to current
- Federal Magistrate Judge Association Civics and Outreach Committee, co-chair, 2025 to current
- Federal Magistrate Judge Association Diversity Committee, Member, 2021 to current, co-chair of Robes in Schools Program, 2025 to current
- Washington Leadership Institute, Board Member 2024 to current
- Western District of Washington Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, founder and past chairperson, 2021 to current
- Western District of Washington Summer Externship Program, founder and chairperson, 2021 to current
- Western District of Washington Judicial Institute, co-chair, 2021 to current
- Western District of Washington FBA Criminal Law Committee, co-chair, 2018-2021
- Washington State Bar Association Judicial Recommendation Committee, Member 2013-2019
- Veterans Administration, Office of the Inspector General, Recognition Award, 2016
- Federal Bureau of Investigation Award of Excellence, 2016
- United States Secret Service Recognition Award, 2015
- Washington State Bar Association Leadership Institute, Fellow, 2012
- Lawyers Fostering Independence Program, founder and pro bono counsel, 2008-2010
- Program for Early Parent Support, Board Member, 2007-2010
- Court Appointed Special Advocate Program, volunteer and pro bono counsel, 1999-2010
- Washington State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Professionalism Award, 2009
- Washington Law and Politics “Rising Star of Washington Law,” 2009
- Author: Youth Dependency Guide - Handbook for Dependent Teens in Washington State, with Jill Malat, Washington Defender Association, ABA Center on Children and the Law, 2009