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From: Janice E. Shave, ALJ, OAH/OSPI Caseload Coordinator

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Subject: Current list of ALJs who conduct special education due process hearings, and statement of qualifications

In accordance with 20 USC §1415(f), 34 CFR §300.508, and WAC 392-172A-05095, the following is a list of administrative law judges (ALJs) assigned to conduct special education due process hearings:

Seattle/Puget Sound: Janice E. Shave, Robert Kingsley, Michelle Mentzer, Matthew Wacker, Andrea Conklin (pro tem);

Yakima/Central Washington: Johnette Sullivan;

Olympia/South Puget Sound: Cindy Burdue;

Spokane/Eastern Washington: David Hansen, John Gaffney;

Vancouver/Southwest Washington: Gina Hale.

All ALJs are employed by the Office of Administrative Hearings, and are not employees of the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, the school districts or other agencies involved in the education or care of students in any matter to which they are assigned. An ALJ assigned to a special education case may not have a personal or professional interest that would conflict with the ALJ's objectivity in the hearing.

Each ALJ employed by the Office of Administrative Hearings is appointed by the Chief ALJ. All ALJs on the panel receive special education due process hearing training annually through one or more of the following: Pacific Northwest Institute on Special Education and the Law; Seattle University's School of Law Academy for Special Education ALJs and HOs; LRP's National Institute on Legal Issues of Educating Individuals with Disabilities; the Office of Administrative Hearings's in-house conference. All ALJs who conduct hearings have a minimum of five years' experience practicing law and/or conducting hearings for various state agencies. All ALJs are members in good standing of the Washington State Bar Association (active or judicial status), and have demonstrated knowledge of administrative law and procedure. ALJs are assigned by geographic region when possible. This list may be revised from time to time.

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