

City of Seattle  
Notice of Appointment

Name: <b>Melanie Dane</b>		Executive Appointment Reappointment Legislative Appointment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agency Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Council <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Constituency
Residential Neighborhood: North	Zip Code: 98105	Contact Phone No.: 206-684-4500
Appointed to: Seattle Women's Commission		Date of Appointment:
Authority (Ord., Res.): Ordinance 118392		Term of Office: From: Confirmation To: July 1, 2013
<p><b>Background: New Appointment</b></p> <p>Melanie is an attorney with the firm Zachor &amp; Thomas, Inc., P.S. founded in 2004. She is currently the managing partner for the firm which serves multiple cities in the Snohomish County with prosecution services. She started with the firm as an associate prosecuting attorney and made partner within 3 years. As a prosecutor, Melanie has earned a reputation for fairness, compassion, and believes that all people deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. She currently sits as a Judge Pro Tem in King County and is dedicated to equal justice. She earned her B.A. from the University of Washington with a major in political science and minor in society and justice. She earned her J.D. from Seattle University in 2001, and spent a summer in Spain studying International and Human Rights Law with William and Mary Law School. She is dedicated to women's issues and promoting women in the workforce. She is a member and past president of the Washington Women Lawyers chapter in Snohomish County and a member of the King County chapter. She currently serves on the steering committee of the National Women's Political Caucus of Washington. She is passionate about working within the criminal justice and community based systems to help end domestic violence and helps to train members of the community to prevent discrimination and end the cycle of violence. As a member of the SWC, Melanie hopes to curb the instances of domestic violence as well as focus on the homelessness issues within our city. Born in California, Melanie was raised in Poulsbo, Washington, and currently resides in Seattle with her husband, two boxer dogs, and two cats.</p>		
Authorizing Signature: 		Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments: Bruce Harrell, City Councilmember

# MELANIE S. THOMAS DANE

## QUALIFICATIONS:

- 9+ years as a City Prosecutor in Snohomish County
- King County District Court Pro Tem
- Seattle Municipal Court Pro Tem
- Highly committed to the rule of law and equal access to justice
- Attentive to detail, critical thinking and problem solving skills and ability to meet desired business goals and outcomes
- Ability to multi-task and prioritize, with excellent organization and strong courtroom & communication skills.
- Adept in data entry and decision making with extensive experience in Word, Outlook, Judicial Information Systems, JABS, Excel, Westlaw, internet, courtroom forms, misdemeanor criminal, traffic, appellate practice, small claims, and civil anti-harassment cases
- Managing Partner in a law firm and familiar with budget and personnel issues

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## PROFESSIONAL & EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### PRO TEM EXPERIENCE 2010-present

*King County District Court: Shoreline; East; Bellevue; & NorthEast Division*

### ZACHOR & THOMAS, INC., P.S. Edmonds, WA (2002 – Present) \*\* Formerly Goodwin Zachor, P.S.

*Municipal Prosecutor, Associate and Managing Partner*

- Representing Cities of Lynnwood, Edmonds, Mill Creek, Mountlake Terrace, Arlington, Lake Stevens, Monroe, Mukilteo, Snohomish, & Woodway
- Extensive practice in municipal and district court, manage infractions, arraignments, motions, appeals, and bench and jury trials, code enforcement, appeals, charging, and probation review calendars
- City Contract Management, manage 6-11 attorneys and staff, manage court calendars, experience with all criminal calendars, RULE 9 manager
- City Budget awareness and alternative sentencing structure, EHM, Community Service, and Scram, Mental Health court committee
- Conflict Prosecutor and Special Prosecutors Snohomish County, Drug Task Force
- Educate City Police Departments on new case law and procedures

### SANCHEZ PAULSON MITCHELL & SCHOCK, Bremerton WA, 2001-2002

*Associate Attorney, Drafted pleadings, interrogatories, summary judgment motions, attended and conducted depositions*

- Civil litigation including landlord tenant and probate law

### ORGANIZATIONS

- WWL Snohomish County Member since 2004,
- Snohomish County WWL Secretary 2007-2009
- Snohomish County WWL President: 2009-2011
- Snohomish County WWL State Liaison to Chapter: 2011-present
- Snohomish County Bar Association Trustee: 2010
- WSBA Member 2001 to Present
- Washington State Association of Municipal Attorneys
- National Women's Political Caucus of Washington 2011-present
- Snohomish County Bar Association, member 2001-present
- King County Bar Association, member 2011-present
- League of Women Voters
- Snohomish County Mental Health Task Force planning group 2011
- Snohomish County Mock Trial volunteer

### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- JD Seattle University School of Law, 2001
- William and Mary School of Law 1999, Madrid Spain, International Law Program
- BA University of Washington, Political Science; Society and Justice Minor: 1998.
- King County District Court Pro Tem Training 2010
- Seattle Municipal Court Pro Tem Training 2011
- FST and DRE Trained
- Continued CLE training, DV Training, DV task force, Legal Advisors Group
- Admitted 2002 US District Court Western Division,

# Seattle Women's Commission

August 2012

21 Commission members: Per S.M.C. 3.14.920, confirmed by City Council, 2-year terms\*

- 9 Appointed by Mayor
- 9 Appointed by City Council
- 2 Appointed by the Commission, confirmed by City Council
- 1 member *Get Engaged: City Boards and Commissions* program: Appointed by Mayor, confirmed by City Council –1-year term-appointed in September

D*	G	Name	Appointed	Term Ends	Term #	Position	Appointed By
	F	Vacant		07/01/14	1 <sup>st</sup>		City Council
3	F	Emily Alvarado	03/31/10	07/01/14	1 <sup>st</sup>		City Council
2	F	Mergitu Argo	06/21/10	07/01/14	1 <sup>st</sup>		City Council
6	F	Laura Cava, Northrop	08/31/09	07/01/13	1 <sup>st</sup>		City Council
6	F	W.M. Gillihan	08/31/09	07/01/13	1 <sup>st</sup>	Co/Chair	City Council
6	F	Mallory Gitt	12/1/09	07/01/13	1 <sup>st</sup>		City Council
1	F	Maha Jahshan	08/31/09	07/01/13	1 <sup>st</sup>		City Council
6	F	Betsy McConnell-Gutierrez	03/13/08	07/01/14	3 <sup>rd</sup>		City Council
6	F	Alison Mondie	08/31/09	07/01/13	1 <sup>st</sup>		City Council
6	F	Michele Frix	03/6 /12	07/01/14	1 <sup>st</sup>		Commission
6	F	Melanie Dane	03/6 /12	07/01/13	1 <sup>st</sup>		Commission
4	F	Abigail Echo/Hawk	07/26/10	07/01/13	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Co-Chair	Mayor
6	F	Anne Luce	07/26/10	07/01/13	1 <sup>st</sup>		Mayor
6	F	Leslie Grow	07/26/10	07/01/13	1 <sup>st</sup>		Mayor
6	F	Olivia Robinson	07/26/10	07/01/13	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Mayor
	F	Vacant	07/26/10	07/01/13	1 <sup>st</sup>		Mayor
6	F	Bridgette Maryman	03/6 /12	07/01/14	1 <sup>st</sup>		Mayor
2	F	Jamila Johnson	07/26/10	07/01/14	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Mayor
1	F	Johanna Gusman	03/6 /12	07/01/14	1 <sup>st</sup>		Mayor
4	F	Roslyn Kagy	07/26/10	07/01/14	1 <sup>st</sup>		Mayor
1	F	Seerat Virk	09/01/11	09/11/13	Only	Get Engaged	Mayor

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)			
	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	Asian/American	African/American	Latino	Native/American	Other	Caucasian
Mayor	0	8	1	4	1	1	0	1	0	4
Council	0	8	1	3	1	1	1	1	0	5
Commission	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Get Engaged	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>

\*The Get Engaged youth program Commissioner serves a single term of one year.

\*\*Commissioners whose first appointments are for a term of less than twelve months are eligible to serve for two additional two/year terms.