



JUDGE PATTI CONNOLLY WALKER

District Court Judge Patti Connolly Walker is seeking appointment to Division III Court of Appeals. She was elected to the District & Municipal Court bench after contested elections in 2002 and 2006 after serving the District & Municipal Court as Court Commissioner.

Prior to taking the bench, Judge Walker practiced law in Spokane after graduating from Gonzaga University School of Law, *cum laude* in 1988. While in law school she clerked and interned at the Spokane County Public Defender's Office and the City Prosecutor's Office. In 1989 she took a position as a Law Clerk for the Honorable Judge Hanel in Bankruptcy Court. After her clerkship she worked as a civil litigation attorney for the City Attorney's Office and then as a Deputy Prosecutor for Spokane County. She set up the Internet Crimes Unit and prosecuted child sex offenders, wrote adult entertainment legislation and prosecuted adult entertainment cases. She successfully argued constitutional cases before the Washington State Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and Federal Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

A trusted leader in our court, Judge Walker has been a Judicial College Faculty Member for the last three years and has served on numerous committees on behalf of the Court. A community leader, she is a past President of the Spokane Chapter of Washington Women Lawyers Association and Spokane County Young Lawyers Association, served as Trustee to the State Young Lawyers Association, was a volunteer CASA Guardian Ad Litem in Spokane County Juvenile Court for 9 years and has served on numerous boards. Accomplished, fair and impartial, she was instrumental in developing and implementing the comprehensive DUI and DUI Intensive Supervision Court. Throughout her judicial career Judge Walker has been well supported and endorsed by those who closely monitor the courts including Judges & Community Leaders, the Regional Labor Council, State Patrol Troopers Association, Washington Council of Police/Sheriffs, Fraternal Order of Police, Spokane Police Guild, Spokane Sheriffs Association, Spokane Firefighters Union and Prosecutors.

An avid hockey player and former hockey coach, Patti shares her love of hockey and sports with her three children.