

Significant Events in Spokane Superior Court

- 1889
 - Judicial Department 1 created- Judge Caulkins
 - Judicial Department 2 created- Judge Blake
- 1891
 - Judicial Department 3 created- Judge Moore
- 1907
 - Judicial Department 4 created- Judge Sullivan
- 1909
 - Judicial Department 5 created- Judge Webster
- 1950
 - Judicial Department 6 created- Judge Edgerton
 - Commissioner Taft- the first woman judicial officer in Spokane County
- 1963
 - Judicial Department 7 created- Judge Lally
- 1973
 - Judicial Department 8 created- Judge Grant
- 1977
 - Judicial Department 9 created- Judge Guy
- 1979
 - Judicial Department 10 created- Judge Kelly
 - November- first woman appointed full time Court Commissioner
- 1985
 - Mandatory Arbitration program
- 1988
 - Judge Kathleen M. O'Connor elected to the bench. The first woman elected Superior Court judge in Spokane County.
- 1993
 - The Courthouse Facilitator Program established.
- 1995
 - BECCA Law enacted
- 1996
 - January- Therapeutic Drug Court (TDC) began
 - Judicial Department 11 created- Judge Sypolt
- 1997
 - February- first year of TDC 21 people graduated
- 1998
 - Jail Video Courtroom use began
 - IC Calendaring implemented
- 1999

- Judicial Department 12 created- Judge Clark
 - Jail Courtroom remodeled
- 2000
 - November- Guardianship Monitoring Program (GMP) created- 1st of its kind in Washington State with 28 volunteers
 - November- SuperGuard was created and implemented by GMP.
- 2001
 - SuperCal case calendaring system implemented
- 2002
 - SuperMan case management system implemented
- 2003
 - Transport Hearings began being scheduled through SuperCal
- 2004
 - Remodel of Courtroom 204
- 2005
 - Assisted Listening Systems installed in courtrooms
- 2007
 - For GMP an in-person guardian monthly training was established
 - Updated AV Equipment and added new furniture to the Jury Lounge
 - January- Unified Family Court concept (Team Approach) implemented, 1st of its kind in Washington State
 - December- First Full-Time Therapeutic Drug Court Coordinator hired
- 2008
 - Family & Juvenile Court Improvement Program (FJCIP) (UFC) grant approved
 - January- Attorney General's Office joins the Team Approach
 - Court Website Re-designed
- 2009
 - Superior Court began handling all felony 1st appearances
 - April- Early Case Resolution (ECR) implemented
 - September- SAMHSA CSAT expansion grant (\$900K) awarded to Therapeutic Drug Court
- 2011
 - January- Post Term Review hearings process was changed
- 2012
 - January- Gender Balance in Superior Court- 18 judicial officers, 9 men and 9 women
 - June- 500th graduate of Therapeutic Drug Court
 - September- SAMHSA CSAT expansion grant (\$975K) awarded to Therapeutic Drug Court
- 2013
 - A guardianship docket was created
 - January- Parent4Parent program began
 - December- Felony Mental Health Court opened doors

- 2015
 - Parent4Parent program received Leanne Miller Award by the Children’s Justice Task Force.
 - June- New Family Law Courtroom, Commissioner Chambers and Staff Offices completed
 - Court Website Re-designed
 - April- Judge Harold Clarke III, was elected to serve as President of the Superior Court Judges’ Association. Judge Harold Clarke (Retired), father of Judge Harold Clarke III, also served as president of the association from 1988-1989. A father and a son to serve in this capacity is a first for the state judges’ association.