

## **JUSTICE DEBRA L. STEPHENS**

Washington State Supreme Court  
Olympia, Washington

Justice Debra L. Stephens has served on the Washington State Supreme Court since January, 2008. She previously served on Division Three of the Court of Appeals. Before taking the bench, Justice Stephens was the coordinator of an institutional amicus curiae program and an Adjunct Professor at Gonzaga University School of Law teaching state and federal constitutional law, community property, and appellate advocacy. A Spokane native, Justice Stephens earned both her undergraduate and law degrees from Gonzaga University. Justice Stephens currently serves on the Appellate Court Education, Court Budget, Personnel, and Strategic Planning Committees. She also is the Washington State Chair of ASTAR (Advanced Science & Technology Adjudication Resource Center), a congressionally directed program to enhance the ability of courts to address scientific and technical issues, Co-Chair of the National Advisory Board of the National Courts Science Institute, a successor organization to ASTAR, and serves on the Washington State Minority and Justice Commission.