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The United States District Court for the Western District of Washington is pleased to announce that **Theresa Fricke** has been selected as the new full-time magistrate judge in Tacoma. Ms. Fricke has begun the background investigation process, and is anticipated to start on May 1, 2017, at the Tacoma Union Station and U.S. Courthouse.

Ms. Fricke is currently an Assistant Attorney General with the Transportation and Public Construction Division (TPC) of the Washington State Attorney General's Office (AGO) in Olympia.

She started her legal career with the AGO after graduating from the University of Puget Sound School of Law (now Seattle University School of Law) in 1986. In 1990, she was appointed by Norm Maleng as a Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney with the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and served as co-chair of the Criminal Division Executive Committee and Appellate Unit. Ms. Fricke was a staff attorney with Division II of the Washington Court of Appeals in 1998-99. She worked in private practice between 1999-2012, was a pro tem judge in Pierce County District Court, and also served as a part-time staff attorney for the Washington Pattern Jury Instruction Committee during that time. In 2012, she returned to the AGO.

Ms. Fricke is a member of the American Bar Association Construction Law Forum, Federal Bar Association for the Western District of Washington, Washington Appellate Lawyers Association, and the Thurston County Bar Association. She has presented oral argument in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, the Washington Supreme Court, and Divisions I and II of the Washington State Court of Appeals.

Ms. Fricke enjoys running, skiing, horseback riding, mountain biking, and spending time with her family and friends.