



STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION

"Protect the Public by Ensuring that Gambling is Legal and Honest"

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NEW GAMBLING COMMISSIONER APPOINTED

On March 31, 2010, Governor Gregoire appointed Rebecca Roe as Gambling Commissioner. She will attend her first Gambling Commission meeting in April 2010. We anticipate Commissioner Roe will have a confirmation hearing before the Senate during the 2011 Legislative Session.

Commissioner Roe served as a Senior Deputy Prosecutor in the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office in Seattle from 1977 to 1994 prior to joining Schroeter Goldmark & Bender (SGB). Most of those years she was the Supervising Attorney of the Special Assault Unit. Rebecca was a nationally recognized leader in the prosecution of crimes affecting women and children including authoring the first nationwide manual of prosecution of child abuse. In 1993, she was the first public sector attorney to receive the King County Bar Association Outstanding Lawyer Award.

Since joining SGB in 1994, Commissioner Roe has focused on personal injury cases for victims of violent crime and sexual assault as well as employment law with particular emphasis on wage and hour class actions, sexual harassment, and discrimination. She is an active participant in several professional organizations including a Board Member for the Washington State Association for Justice (formerly WSTLA), the Washington Pattern Jury Instruction Committee, the National Crime Victim Bar Association (President 2009) and the King County Bar Association. Rebecca works pro bono for King County Sexual Assault Resource Center, NARAL, Legal Voice (formerly Northwest Womens Law Center), the Sexual Assault Violence Clinic and many other organizations involving the rights of crime victims, particularly women and children.

Commissioner Roe is a graduate of the University of Washington and the Seattle University School of Law.

The Washington State Gambling Commission was created by the Legislature in 1973 to regulate gambling after a series of gambling related scandals. Five citizens are appointed by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate, to act as part-time Commissioners, for a single six year term. The Gambling Commission typically meets once a month to discuss administrative issues, approve new gambling licenses, discuss and approve proposed rule changes, and take action regarding the revocation or suspension of gambling licenses. The Gambling Commission's Mission is to "Protect the Public by Ensuring Gambling is Legal and Honest."

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