

Angela Cunningham Announces Campaign For Judge

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Experienced litigator and mom seeks to become first Black judge ever elected in Kenosha County.

KENOSHA - Angela Cunningham, community leader, single mom, and experienced litigator, announced last week she would be a candidate for Kenosha County Circuit Court Judge in Branch 6 in the spring 2021 election. Cunningham currently works as a defense attorney and guardian ad litem, previously was a public interest attorney, prosecutor, represented victims of domestic violence in family law action at Legal Action of Wisconsin, and spent many years working in the Kenosha community.



"I am excited to use my experiences working with victims and keeping the community safe and working with defendants and understanding their unique stories and situations to bring compassion, toughness, and fairness to the bench. I look forward to earning the support of voters in the coming months," said Cunningham. "I grew up in Kenosha, so I know the challenges our community faces. As a single mom, I know what it's like to struggle financially and juggle multiple responsibilities. That never stopped me from trying to make a better life for myself and the people of Kenosha. These experiences will make me an empathetic judge."

Cunningham attended Wilmot Union High School, earned a Bachelor's and Master's degree

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from UW-Madison and her law degree from Northwestern University Law School. She worked for United Way and Legal Action. She serves on the board for Catholic Charities and previously served on various boards, including the HOPE Council and Kenosha Community Health Center. Cunningham also served on multiple committees, including the NAACP and Mental Health/AODA Services Committee of the Kenosha County Human Services Board.

"I know from personal experience the difficulty of raising a family on one income," said Cunningham. "We have had our challenges, but we've overcome them, and I've helped other families with their challenges. I'll bring that understanding to the Kenosha bench."

After receiving her Master's degree, Angela assisted the Kenosha County Department of Human Services with earning a grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, researched juvenile arrests in Kenosha County, and evaluated mental illness in the Kenosha and Racine County jails. She then worked for the ECLA Urban Outreach center and provided outreach services, adult education, and youth programs. For many years, Angela served her community, worked for the Milwaukee justice center and became a well-known, respected litigator.

Angela continues to live in Kenosha and, if elected, would make history as the first Black judge to ever be elected in Kenosha County. The election for Branch 6 will be held on April 6, 2021, with a primary election on February 16, if necessary.