

Experience:**Whitney Jennings, LLC (Mercer Island, WA)**
Co-owner/Partner**November 2011 to Present**

Provide a range of services including but not limited to: business/operational analysis; government relations; feasibility studies; organizational development & change management; performance measurement & evaluation; program evaluation and strategic planning; anti-poverty research; philanthropic investment strategies.

Partial client list: City of New Orleans, City of Houston, Meydenbauer Convention Center, First & Goal Inc./CenturyLink Field, Ford Foundation, Open Society Foundation, Kresge Foundation, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, University of Southern California, New York University, Seattle City Light.

Housing and Urban Development (Washington, DC)
Consultant**March 2010 to November 2014**

Provided consultant services on issues related to communities with concentrated poverty. Member of team that developed a revised Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing regulation with a lead role in external engagement with governmental agencies and civil rights advocates.

King County Executive Office (Seattle, WA)
Deputy County Executive**July 2002 to December 2009**

Functioned as the chief operating officer for Executive agencies in King County government. Reported directly to the County Executive and supervise the nine Executive agency directors. Ensured that the vision and directives of the Executive are clearly communicated and implemented across Executive agencies. Established effective relationships with other county elected offices to coordinate alignment of policies and services.

Responsibilities included:

- Providing daily briefings for the County Executive on critical operational and policy issues.
- Chair Executive Cabinet meetings comprised of Executive Services, Community and Human Services, Public Health, Natural Resources and Parks, Transportation, Development and Environmental Services, Adult and Juvenile Detention, and Chief Information Officer.
- Facilitated relationships with mayors of suburban cities within and adjacent to King County.
- Represented the County Executive on the Criminal Justice Council.
- Held legal settlement authority and developed county-wide overall litigation strategy

King County, Department of Executive Services
Deputy County Administrative Officer**January 2002 to July 2002**

Managed the daily operations of the King County Department of Executive Services, consisting of ten general government functions -- Finance, Human Resource Management, Information Technology, Civil Rights, Ethics, Emergency Management, Risk Management, Facilities Management, Records Management, and Licensing & Elections.

**King County, Office of the King County Executive
Assistant County Executive, Special Assignment****March 2001 to January 2002**

Coordinated a successful major reorganization of County services in response to severe budget deficits, resulting in the consolidation of six departments into two -- Department of Executive Services and Department of Natural Resources and Parks. Led the defense of the proposed consolidation in front of the Metropolitan King County Council.

**King County, Dept of Information and Administrative Svcs
Director****January 1997 to March 2001**

Managed a multi-disciplinary general government department with 450 employees and a budget of \$80 million. Operations included Information Technology, Licensing and Regulatory Services, Civil Rights Enforcement, Risk Management, Emergency Management, and Records and Elections. Led innovative efforts to bring cutting-edge services to County residents such as implementing a successful elections system, establishing a more visible and coordinated emergency management network, and forging partnerships with King County Library System and schools to link their buildings with a high bandwidth network.

**King County, Dept of Information and Administrative Svcs
Deputy Director****March 1995 to January 1997**

Assisted with general management of the department's six divisions including lead responsibility for budget development and council relations. Managed high-profile issues on behalf of the department director such as Metro-King County merger and union contract negotiations. Conducted numerous meetings to gather public input on the types of services to be provided at five new community-based service centers.

**King County, Office of Financial Management
Children and Family Commission Program Analyst****May 1993 to May 1995**

Staffed a 17-member citizen commission created to set the policy direction for King County agencies serving at-risk youth and their families. Designed and supported process for allocating \$2 million in commission grants for innovative programs. Conducted community forums for non-profit youth service agencies to promote outcome-based evaluation criteria.

**King County, Office of Financial Management
Budget Analyst****June 1990 to May 1993**

Reviewed budgets submitted by County agencies for accuracy and adherence to Executive and Council policies. Negotiated significant issues with department management and made recommendations to the Budget Director. Assignments: public works and human services.

Education:

1983	University of Washington Bachelor of Arts, International Studies	Seattle, WA
1987	The American University Master of Arts, International Economic Development	Washington, D.C.
2001	Seattle University Certificate, Executive Leadership	Seattle, WA

Volunteer Activities:

- Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), King County Superior Court
- Advisory Board Member, Center for Children and Youth Justice (CCYJ)
- Board Member, Downtown Emergency Services Center (DESC)
- Board Member, Global Relief Logistics, Virginia Beach, VA

Publications:

- *Seeking Sustainable and Inclusive Communities: A King County Case Study.* The Urban Institute, What Works Collaborative. Washington, DC. March 2010
- *Building Environmentally Sustainable Communities: A Framework.* The Urban Institute, What Works Collaborative. Washington, DC. March 2010
- *Creating Opportunity for Minority and Low Income Families.* New York University, Furman Center. The Dream Revisited, Balancing Investments in People and Place. New York. December 2014
- *Access to Opportunity Project Research Blog.* University of Southern California, Bedrosian Research Center, Price School of Public Policy, Los Angeles, CA. June 2017 - Present

Personal Interests:

- Creative pursuits including photography, stationery design, and Ikebana.
- Enthusiast for local sports teams and enjoys playing tennis and golf.
- Patron of local theatre and museums.

References:

- Ron Sims, Ret. Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- The Honorable Dan Satterberg, King County Prosecuting Attorney
- Carolyn Corvi, Retired Vice President and General Manager of Airplane Programs, The Boeing Company
- David Young, Senior Vice President of Operations/General Manager, CenturyLink Field
- Dr. Raphael Bostic, President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

Additional references available upon request