



THURSTON COUNTY
invites applications for the position of:

Public Defender - RFQ

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OPENING DATE: 01/05/17

CLOSING DATE: Continuous

SUMMARY OF DUTIES:

Request for Qualifications - Contract Public Defender

This employment opportunity has been reopened. If you previously applied for this position posted November 17, 2016 – December 5, 2016, your application is being considered and there is no need to reapply

Thurston County Public Defense (TCPD) requests statements of qualifications from attorneys experienced in providing Public Defender Services for indigent parties for representation in Thurston County District, Superior and Juvenile Courts. Both in-custody and out of custody clients will be assigned to contractors for representation from arraignment through trial.

TCPD utilizes a holistic defense model. Holistic representation is a client-centered, community-oriented approach to criminal defense that is currently emerging as an effective and critical solution to challenges within our criminal legal system. Holistic representation is based on the principle that defense lawyers and staff need to take an interdisciplinary approach--at times beyond the courtroom--to best represent clients and to address underlying issues affecting contact with the criminal justice system.

Thurston County Public Defense will implement two major changes to its contracted Assistant Public Defender system in the 2017 to 2018 contract period: First we will implement a new case management system in which contractors will be required to enter their time and expenses, there will be no charge to the contractor for use of this system. The second major change will be to the manner in which contracts are monitored. In the 2017-2018 period TCPD will utilize an independent contract monitor to ensure contract performance. Contractors are required to cooperate with the monitor and with caseload tracking and reporting to TCPD.

Successful candidate(s) will be able to practice effectively within a holistic practice system and be comfortable working collaboratively with social workers, treatment providers, investigators, experts and legal assistants as well as family and community members.

Successful candidate(s) will be assigned cases according to the attorneys' qualifications as well as the attorney's areas of interest and pledged capacity to accept cases monthly. Thurston County Public Defense does not and will not guarantee any specific number or type of case assignments.

OTHER POSITION RELATED INFORMATION:

How to apply:

Interested individuals must fill out an online application and submit the following as attachments:

Letter of Interest: Not exceeding three pages, summarizing experience, qualifications and reasons for applying. Include: legal name, street address, city, state, zip code, daytime phone number, email address, signature.

Resume: Current resume, include all positions past 10 years.

Demonstrated Writing Skills: A copy of a solely authored recent writing sample.

Reference Information: Please provide the name and contact information for 3 professional

references.

Insurance Verification: Proof of Professional and Commercial General Liability coverage.

CLE Statement: List CLE trainings which relate to criminal defense prior 24 months. Include live or video, location and hours. A printout or screenshot of your WSBA CLE web page will suffice.

Submitted materials should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the request. Do not include special bindings, colored displays, promotional material, etc. Emphasis should be on completeness and clarity of content.

Recruitment Contact: Mia Pagnotta (360) 754-4897

NOTE: Professional Services Contractors provide occasional and temporary services for Thurston County. Contractors are not considered regular employees of Thurston County and must meet the eligibility requirements as established by the IRS. Contractors are not eligible to receive any employee benefits, must be responsible for their own unreimbursed business/service related expenses and must be responsible for any profit or loss associated with the service agreement.

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APPLICATIONS MAY BE FILED ONLINE AT:
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/thurstonwa>

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 PUBLIC DEFENDER - RFQ
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Public Defender - RFQ Supplemental Questionnaire

- * 1. Are you admitted to practice law in Washington State?
 - Yes
 - No
- * 2. WSBA#/
- * 3. Date admitted in Washington?
- * 4. Please check the box next to the case types you are applying for:
 - Aggravated Murder/Death Penalty - SPRC 2 Supreme Court listed
 - Homicide A: First/Second Degree Murder, Homicide by Abuse
 - Homicide B/C: First/Second Degree Manslaughter, Vehicular Homicide
 - Class A Felonies
 - Class B Felonies
 - Class C Felonies
 - Lower Court Appeals
 - Juvenile Court Civil: Terminations/Dpendency
 - Juvenile Court Criminal
 - District Court: Misdemeanor/Gross Misdemeanor
 - Miscellaneous
- * 5. How many cases will you accept per month?

- 1-3
 - 4-8
 - Full caseload under indigent case standards
- * 6. How many years of criminal law practice do you have?
- * 7. In what areas are you especially interested or do you have a specialty (i.e. drug cases, sex cases)?
- * 8. What types of cases do you prefer to avoid and why?
- * 9. Approximately how many criminal law CLE hours do you attend each year?
- * 10. Who is your legal malpractice insurance carrier? **Please provide proof of insurance coverage by attaching the cover sheet only to your application**
- * 11. Facilities, Support, Reporting: Please select all that apply to you.
- I have access to a physical office that accomodates confidential meetings with clients.
 - I have used criminal defense investigators in the past.
 - I have an address at which I can receive mail.
 - I have a local phone number that in custody clients may use to contact me without long distance charges.
 - I am willing to comply with TCPD requirements for case reporting which will include completing a case closing form and submitting it with final invoices.
 - I have completed 7 hours of CLE training within the past 12 months that are WSBA and Washington Office of Public Defense approved.
 - I am willing to be evaluated and monitored, including but not limited to a review of time and caseload records, review and inspection of transcripts, in court observations and periodic conferences with a monitor.
- * 12. Qualifications by case type: I have read the WSBA Standards for Indigent Defense Services and under Standard 14 I am qualified for:
- Death Penalty Representation
 - Persistent Offender (LWOP) Representation
 - Adult Felony Class A
 - Adult Felony Class B - Violent
 - Adult Sex Cases
 - Adult Felony Class B, C, and Probation Parole Revocation
 - Juvenile Class A
 - Juvenile Class B/C
 - Juvenile Sex Cases
 - Juvenile Status Cases
 - Misdemeanor Cases
 - Dependency Cases
 - Civil Commitment Cases
 - Sex Offender Predator Commitment Cases
 - Contempt of Court Cases
 - Specialty Court
- * 13. I have a written client complaint procedure which includes escalating the complaint to TCPD if unresolved.
- Yes
 - No

- * 14. Please provide a brief list of felony criminal cases you have tried or (co-counseled on): (Name of Defendant, Charge, Date Tried)

- * 15. Please provide a brief list of misdemeanor criminal cases you have tried or (co-counseled on): (Name of Defendant, Charge, Date Tried)

- * 16. By my initials below, I acknowledge that a response may be required to agency wide questions as part of the Thurston County online application that may not be applicable to hiring Contract Employees and I further acknowledge that I am aware that Contract Employees are not eligible for regular county benefits.

- * 17. By my initials below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the application requirements. I have reviewed my application for all requested attachments and that my responses are true and correct.

- * Required Question