

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENSE  
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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS  
RFQ- 21002  
OF ATTORNEY REPRESENTATION FOR INDIGENT PARENTS  
IN DEPENDENCY AND TERMINATION CASES

The Washington State Office of Public Defense (OPD) Parents Representation Program (PRP) currently provides state funded attorney representation and case support services to indigent parents, custodians and legal guardians involved in child dependency and termination of parental rights proceedings in Washington counties.

Mason: 1 part-time contract beginning November 1, 2020, or until the position is filled.

The contract caseload for a full time attorney is approximately 80 cases with an approximate annual compensation up to \$125,000 to \$156,780. Part-time attorney position compensation is pro-rated based on a percentage of a full time caseload. Compensation includes all overhead such as support staff, rent, and other costs of doing business. Compensation is dependent on experience. If interested, follow the application procedures below.

### Qualifications

The following qualifications are required:

- Licensed member of good standing with the Washington State Bar.
- Able to meet Washington State Supreme Court Standards for Indigent Defense.
- Substantial experience representing parents in dependency and termination cases in state juvenile courts.
- History of providing excellent, culturally competent representation of clients.
- Able to communicate well with indigent clients; be familiar with RCW 13.34 and court rules pertaining to dependency and termination cases
- Ability to communicate professionally with child welfare stakeholders
- Experience in the court for which you are interested preferred, but not required

### Application Procedure

Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. To apply, email a letter of interest identifying your qualifications and a resume. Letters of interest should also describe applicant's current contracts for public defense or other representation as well as existing caseload, specifying the number of your current dependency and termination cases, if any.

**Email Materials to:** Molly Sullivan, Managing Attorney at: [molly.sullivan@opd.wa.gov](mailto:molly.sullivan@opd.wa.gov)

Please address any questions to Molly Sullivan at the above email address.

OPD reserves the right to amend this Request for Qualifications and reserves the right to refrain from contracting with any and all applicants. This Request for Qualifications does not obligate the state of Washington or OPD to contract for the services specified here.

*The Washington State Office of Public Defense vigorously pursues diversity in the work force. Women, racial and ethnic minorities, persons over 40 years of age, persons of disability, and disabled and Vietnam era veterans are encouraged to apply.*