

Request for Qualifications

For Hourly Contract Public Defender (District Court)

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Thurston County, Olympia, WA

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 Court. 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.

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 in the past 10 years.

Reference Information: Please provide the name and contact information for three (3) professional references.

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

For a complete job description, list of qualifications and to apply, click [HERE](#).

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.