



PUBLIC DEFENSE

**Request for Qualifications
Contract Public Defender
RFQ 2016
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, 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.

*Please visit [Thurston County Employment Opportunities](#) to review a **complete** job description and application requirements for this recruitment opportunity.*

Selection Schedule:

Deadline for Submittal, November 28th, 2016 Midnight

Selection of Qualified Candidates by Advisory Committee, December 6th – 9th, 2016

Interviews (New Providers Only), December 6th – 9th, 2016

Contract Review and Signature, December 6th – 31st, 2016

Contract Start Date, January 1st, 2017

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