

Asotin County is currently accepting proposals for defense attorneys for the Indigent Defense contracts for District Court which will include representations in all matters for which the court is required to make an appointment of an attorney. Annual Rate will be applicable to caseload, certification level and experience. Compensation will be negotiated on an individual contract basis.

Any attorney interested in contracting with the County for indigent defense services should review Request for Qualifications, shown below, and send a proposal, a resume, and Certification of Appointed Counsel regarding Criminal Rule Standards to the Asotin County Commissioners Office, P.O. Box 250, Asotin, WA 99402 or email at [bocc@co.asotin.wa.us](mailto:bocc@co.asotin.wa.us). Selection will be based upon applicant's background, education, training, and work experience. Selected applicants must be a member of the Washington State Bar and have proof of malpractice insurance in force before contract signing. The County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022

**BY ORDER OF THE ASOTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Stacey Harman**

**Clerk of the Board**

## REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS INDIGENT DEFENSE ATTORNEYS

Asotin County is seeking statements of interest and qualifications for a defense attorney to provide indigent defense in the Asotin County District Court at an annual amount - negotiable. (Open until filled)

Attorney shall provide services in accordance with County Ordinance No. 09-04 A An Ordinance Relating to Standards for Delivery of Indigent Defense Services@ as attached, which will be amended to conform with Washington Supreme Court Order #25700-A-1004, copy attached.

Attorney must be a member of and maintain good standing with the Washington State Bar Association throughout the term of the contract, and conform with Section 14.1 and 14.2 of Washington=s Rules for Courts of Limited Jurisdiction Criminal Rule 3.1 Standards.

The County has requested and been granted public defense funds under RCW 10.101. As a result, the attorneys who do public defense are required to attend Office of Public Defender approved training at least once per calendar year.

Duties include:

1. Provide legal representation in Asotin County District Court in all matters for which the court is required to make an appointment of an attorney for an indigent person based on any statute, court rule, or reported case, specifically including all criminal matters.
2. Initial Hearings
  - a. In District Court criminal matters, the representation shall also include provisional representation at initial hearings. The contracting attorney shall coordinate to make sure that an on-call attorney is identified and available at all times to the Judge of District Court for purposes of bond and other initial hearings. Telephonic/video appearance is acceptable.
3. The District Court contract excludes misdemeanors and gross misdemeanors filed by the City of Clarkston, and representation of a party in matters arising from a single set of facts where the court determines that to do so would create a conflict of interest.
4. The services to be furnished by the Attorney shall include legal representation at all stages of the proceedings subsequent to a determination of indigence and appointment by the court and shall continue through appeals from District Court through Superior Court. Indigent representation on appeals to the Court of Appeals or Supreme Court of the State of Washington is not within the scope of this agreement.
5. The County will pay the following expenses:
  - a. Expert witnesses and expert witness services may be requested by ex parte motion, and if granted, paid for by the County, in conformity with the contract between the County and the public defenders.
  - b. Interpreters
  - c. Investigators
  - d. Travel
  - e. Conflict appointments
6. The Attorney will pay all the following expenses:
  - a. Normal business overhead, including operating cost as set forth in contract with County.
  - b. Attorney reports, vouchers, and training, all costs associated with maintaining good standing as a member of Washington State Bar Association.
  - c. Professional liability insurance.
  - d. Office of Public Defender approved training at least once per calendar year as set forth in RCW 10.101. Seven (7) hours of continuing legal education related to indigent defense.