

JUVENILE ADVOCATES OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY



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Public Defenders are overwhelmed with high case loads and underpaid by the state. I do this work because I believe that when a person gets a court appointed lawyer, it should not be someone who is doing it because they have no other options, but someone GOOD at what they do, who is doing the work because of a passion and interest in the law. These are important cases that demand a lot of expertise and people skills.

When everything comes together as it is supposed to, families are better.

Substance abuse issues are tackled. Children are safer.

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ABOUT

Juvenile Advocates of Clackamas (JACL) is a juvenile defense consortium in Clackamas County. We are the only consortium in the county that takes court appointed dependency and delinquency cases. There are 10 different attorneys handling the work through the contract that JACL has negotiated with the state. Four of those lawyers are with the firm Schaleger Philpott, which is a small business in the county that employs 6 people in addition to the two law partners, and the other lawyers are all small, independent businesses. We represent parents and children when DHS separates families and initiates a court case. We also represent youth who are charged with a crime, including waiver hearings where the DA is attempting to remove a youth to adult court.



501 (c)(3) Nonprofit



Members:

- 10 attorneys
- 10 staff
- 1 social worker



96 cases annually/attorney

OCDLA is a nonprofit professional association comprised of attorneys, private investigators and experts.

The Oregon Defense Consortia Association is a nonprofit association advocating for the fiscal health of public defense providers in Oregon. ODCA's membership includes private bar consortia from the diverse geographies and cultures seen across the states.

