

2018 Domestic Violence Symposium: Capitalizing on our Success - Best Practices and the Tools that Get Us There
September 7, 2018

Room assignments for the breakout sessions will be included on a separate document in your packet.

Agenda – Friday, September 7, 2018

TIME	EVENT	SPEAKER
7:45 – 8:20	Registration, Breakfast & Coffee	
8:20-8:30	Welcome & Introductions	<p>Annette Clark, MD, JD Dean Seattle University School of Law</p> <p>Dan Satterberg, JD King County Prosecutor</p> <p>David Martin, JD Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney King County Prosecutor’s Office</p>
8:30-9:00	Keynote 1 – Law Enforcement and Community: Building Relationships During Difficult Times	Chief Art Acevedo Houston Police Department
9:00-9:30	<p>Keynote 2 – Keeping our eyes on the prize--Why effective intervention in Domestic Violence cases can seem like a shell game!</p> <p>For approximately forty years, the justice system has focused its attention on the destructive interpersonal violence that occurs in some intimate partner relationships. Over that time, system actors have swallowed a lot of "magic pills, "looking for a "cure," only to find that those "cures" were really placebos. Experience teaches us that successful intervention in these cases requires the relentless openness necessary to question "settled" dogma. It also requires the contortionistic flexibility required to make 180 degree changes in strategy when necessary. And it doesn't hurt to display the absolute humility needed to recognize that in this arena, more so than in most, the "answer" is likely to be elusive. Judge Ronald B. Adrine presents us with his experiences from the bench on why dealing with domestic violence frustrates us, and some thoughts about dealing with that frustration.</p>	Hon. Ronald B. Adrine Administrative & Presiding Judge (retired) Cleveland Municipal Court, Cleveland, Ohio
9:30-9:35	Stretch Break	

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9:35-10:35	<p>Keynote 3 – Access to Safety and Justice: Celebrating Successes While Seeking to Improve the Efficacy of Domestic Violence Protection Orders</p> <p>Professor Stoever’s keynote will explore strengths of and future possibilities concerning domestic violence civil protection orders. She will reflect on the advent and evolution of the remedy and critical advancements that have been achieved over the past three decades. As she discusses national trends and comparative approaches across states, she will identify areas in which Washington State is leading the nation and ways in which the civil protection order remedy can better accomplish goals of survivor safety and autonomy.</p>	<p>Jane Stoever, JD Director, Domestic Violence Clinic/Initiative to End Family Violence, University of California-Irvine School of Law</p>
10:35-10:50	Break	
10:50-12:20	WORKSHOPS – Session 1	
1A	<p>The Intersection of Racism and Domestic Violence</p> <p>Domestic violence affects all survivors differently – especially when it intersects with racism. Domestic violence advocates from the YWCA of Seattle/King/Snohomish will discuss racism’s specific effects on African-American domestic violence survivors, why survivors might not call the police, and the barriers that survivors of color face when seeking services. Learn how to recognize the stereotypes and racism that keep survivors of color trapped in situations of abuse, and how to advocate effectively for survivors of color.</p> <p>Did you know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women of color are significantly overrepresented in the criminal justice system: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Black women represent 30% of all incarcerated women in the U.S, although they represent 13% of the female population generally ○ Hispanic women represent 16% of incarcerated women, although they make up only 11% of all women in the U.S. ○ Women of color and low income women are disproportionately affected by mandatory arrest policies for domestic violence 	<p>Bridget Griffin Domestic Violence CSO/DSHS Community Advocate YWCA of Seattle/King/Snohomish</p> <p>Doris O’Neal DV Director YWCA of Seattle/King/Snohomish</p> <p>Maria Pintar, M.A. Domestic Violence Legal Advocate YWCA of Seattle/King/Snohomish</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many women in prison have experienced physical or sexual trauma at the hands of men • 92% of all women in California prisons had been “battered and abused” in their lifetimes <p>At the end of this workshop, you will have a better understanding of how racism affects African-American women and why they are reluctant to report domestic violence or participate in the criminal or civil justice systems.</p>	
1B	<p>From Crime Scene to Courtroom: Responding to and Investigating Domestic Violence Crimes</p> <p>During the investigational phase, proper documentation is critical to successfully prosecuting crimes of domestic violence. Attendees are encouraged to share their own experiences investigating and prosecuting crimes of domestic violence.</p> <p>The session will explore the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An evaluation of offender risk • Domestic violence resource guide • Domestic violence supplemental form • An update on case law • Interviewing techniques with victims, witnesses, and suspects • Smith affidavit • Medical release form • Superform (jail booking form) • Proper documentation during the investigation phase of all domestic violence crimes 	<p>Kim McClay, JD Domestic Violence Prosecutor City of Federal Way, City Attorney’s Office</p> <p>Kyle Sumpter Deputy Chief Federal Way Police Department</p>
1C	<p>Representing Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence: What Family Law and Immigration Attorneys Need to Know About U Visas in 2018</p> <p>This presentation will cover what family law and civil legal aid attorneys need to know to represent immigrant survivors of domestic abuse in 2018, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview/refresher of the U visa process • New Washington State laws regarding the U visa certification process • Requesting U visa certification within the civil protection order/ family court process 	<p>Jenny Mashek, JD Directing Attorney, VAWA Unit Northwest Immigrant Rights Project</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VAWA confidentiality provisions and how they cover U visa petitioners • Current trends within the Department of Homeland Security (i.e. number of applications pending with USCIS, processing times, enforcement actions by ICE, etc.) • Lots of time for questions 	
1D	<p>The Critical Role of Community Advocates in Immigration Cases</p> <p>This panel will provide a basic overview of immigration relief, with particular attention on relief available to survivors of violence, namely U and T Visas, as well as VAWA self-petitions. Participants will gain practice issue-spotting real life examples of fact patterns that arise for many of our mutual clients, and in screening for eligibility for these kinds of relief. The panel will also cover tips on how community advocates and attorneys can best work together. Audience: Community based advocates, non-lawyers</p>	<p>Natasha El-Sergany, JD Removal Defense Unit Staff Attorney Northwest Immigrant Rights Project</p> <p>Elizabeth Flavin, JD Project Safety VOCA Attorney Northwest Justice Project</p> <p>Ashley Piper, JD Staff Attorney, VAWA Unit Northwest Immigrant Rights Project</p> <p>Hao Nguyen Anti-Trafficking Program Coordinator API-Chaya</p>
12:20-1:30	Lunch (provided onsite)	
12:25-1:25	Judicial and Law Enforcement Luncheons	
1:30-3:00	WORKSHOPS – Session 2	
2A	<p>So called “red flag laws” in the age of gun-related community violence and suicide: Preliminary Research and Realities of Extreme Risk Protection Orders</p> <p>Extreme Risk Protection Orders play an important role in preventing gun violence. With harm reduction at its core, ERPOs are well into their second year of existence. Learn from law enforcement and a prosecutor about extreme risk protection orders including what the law is, its application in real cases and some preliminary research on local and other</p>	<p>Sergeant Eric Pisconski Supervisor, Crisis Response Unit Seattle Police Department</p> <p>Kimberly Wyatt, JD Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney King County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office</p>

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	states investigations into the effectiveness of this order in preventing mass violence. Learn how law enforcement and prosecutors screen cases to assess risk and make the ultimate decision to pursue one or not. The presentation will include successes, challenges, lessons learned and opportunities for the future. Intended for an integrated audience of advocates, social workers, mental health counselors, law enforcement, prosecutors and judges, participants will leave with a deeper understanding of the ERPO law, a step-by-step understanding of how and when to obtain one, an overview of the types of cases King County has handled to date and their outcomes.	
2B	<p>Evidence Rule 413-Unpacking Washington’s New Procedural Protections for Immigrants</p> <p>Providing immigrants with access to our courts and a fair trial is essential to justice in Washington. ER 413 will protect both the victim of domestic violence and the wrongfully harmed civil litigant from having immigration-status evidence overwhelm the merits of their cause. The Washington Supreme Court recently adopted a new evidence rule, ER 413, the first of its kind in the nation, strictly limiting the use of immigration-status evidence in judicial proceedings. The new rule takes effect on September 1, 2018.[1] This session will explore when evidence about a person’s immigration status will be “generally inadmissible” in both civil and criminal matters unless limited exceptions are met.</p>	<p>David Martin, JD Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney King County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office</p> <p>Ken Masters, JD Partner Masters Law Group</p> <p>Joe Morrison, JD Staff Attorney Columbia Legal Services</p> <p>Grace Huang, JD Policy Director Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence</p>
2C	<p>Crafting Your Client’s Story</p> <p>The most difficult obstacle confronting DV survivors in civil protection order hearings is the legal system’s scrutiny of their credibility. For most survivors, all they have to prove they are credible is their story. While the law says their burden is to prove more likely than not that domestic violence occurred, our culture says their burden is to prove that they are not lying. With such daunting obstacles, the way a story is crafted in these legal proceedings is more important than ever. With hands-on participation, Professor Bowman and Kristofer Amblad will discuss style and organization tips to help DV advocates and attorneys</p>	<p>Kristofer Amblad, JD Staff Attorney-Seattle DV Project Northwest Justice Project</p> <p>Mary Bowman, JD Professor of Law Director, Legal Writing Seattle University School of Law</p>

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	increase the likelihood of positive outcomes for their clients by improving the way they write their clients stories.	
2D	<p>OMG it's DV!: Supporting Best Practices in Child Welfare using a Multidisciplinary Team</p> <p>Child Welfare practices related to families experiencing Domestic Violence have changed significantly across the last two decades. Child welfare workers, their supervisors, and the courts are not always supported to understand and to follow known best practices. In this session, we will give a brief overview of the King County Domestic Violence/Child Welfare Best Practices team. We'll then review 5 Best Practices that are supported by the department's "Social Worker's Practice Guide to Domestic Violence" which often come up during case staffing with the team. We'll work together to identify how we can coordinate our response both to families and to each other across systems to support good outcomes related to these best practices.</p>	<p>Lisa Ball, MSW Curriculum Developer Alliance for Child Welfare Excellence</p> <p>Heather Lofgren, MSW Quality Practice Specialist Children's Administration, Child Protection Services</p> <p>Kellie Rogers Director of Advocacy and Programs DAWN</p>
2J	<p>Effectively Managing Domestic Violence Cases <i>(This session is only open to judicial officers)</i></p> <p>Domestic violence involves some of the most vexing subject matter with which any court is required to deal. That's true, whether it is encountered in a civil or a criminal context. The situation is further complicated by the fact that system actors (Clerks, prosecutors, probation officers, advocates, batterer intervention specialists, defense attorneys, etc.) frequently bring their own bias to the table. Our discussion during this workshop will revolve around developing a better understanding of the court's appropriate role in domestic violence cases, philosophically, including the behaviors we encounter, the tools available to us and the management of outcome expectations--ours and everyone else's!</p>	<p>Hon. Ronald B. Adrine Administrative & Presiding Judge (retired) Cleveland Municipal Court, Cleveland, Ohio</p>
3:00-3:20	Break	
3:20-4:50	WORKSHOPS – Session 3	
3A <u>PLEASE NOTE</u>	<p>Community Approaches to Building Resilience: "Resilience: The Biology of Stress & The Science of Hope" <i>A 45-minute facilitated discussion & presentation will follow the 60-minute screening.</i></p>	<p>Kody Russell, MSW Executive Director Kitsap Strong</p>

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<p>This Session will run until 5:20 p.m.</p>	<p>A screening of the critically acclaimed documentary "Resilience: The Biology of Stress & The Science of Hope" and an in-depth look at one local community's approach to weaving this science into the fabric of the community. Kody Russell, Executive Director, of Kitsap Strong will facilitate a conversation about leading a cross-sector effort in Kitsap County to ensure that each person in our community has the individual capabilities, connections/relationships, and opportunities to flourish. Kitsap Strong is a community initiative involving over 70 organizations in 5 different networks working collaboratively towards a shared mission of "Improving the well-being and educational attainment of Kitsap residents, through a focus on empowerment and equity, the prevention of ACEs, and the building of resilience".</p>	<p>Robert Wyman, JD, MSW Co-Director Court Improvement Training Academy</p>
<p>3B</p>	<p>Building Bridges: A Multidisciplinary Approach through Collaboration to Empower and Successfully Navigate Victims of Domestic Violence through the Criminal Process</p> <p>Understanding and respecting the roles that each professional has in the criminal process is key to empowering all victims of domestic violence; whether cooperative, non-cooperative or recanting. This overview is for anyone who works with victims of domestic violence to include but not limited to; 911 dispatchers, law enforcement, prosecutors, victim advocates, judges, and civil attorneys.</p> <p>The goal is to help facilitate a discussion of how we can build bridges with one another through collaboration on ways to successfully guide victims of domestic violence through the criminal system to safety. When just one role fails, the system ultimately fails victims of domestic violence. We will be taking a multidisciplinary approach by discussing the roles and conflicts each individual role faces.</p> <p>The workshop will cover educating victims about the criminal process, their rights as victims, empowering victims to have their voices heard and resources that are available to them. Attendee's at the workshop are encouraged to discuss their own experience of interviewing victims from the perspective of law enforcement, prosecutors, and victim advocates; and discuss how Brady material and confidentiality applies. Additionally, we will also cover</p>	<p>Kim McClay, JD Domestic Violence Prosecutor City of Federal Way, City Attorney's Office</p> <p>Polly Peshtaz, JD Prosecuting City Attorney City of Tacoma</p>

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	<p>proper techniques for cross examination and impeachment of recanting victims. Lastly, we will share successful strategies on working cross jurisdictionally with other prosecutors and agencies to be able to hold perpetrators of domestic violence accountable.</p>	
3C	<p>Domestic Violence Protection Orders 201: Better than Basics – DVPO Case Law and Best practices for Judicial Officers, Family Law Attorneys and Advocates</p> <p>The domestic violence protection order process was initially intended to be a quick and accessible system for self-represented parties to obtain the legal protection they needed to increase safety. However, over time it has become an increasingly more challenging area of litigation that can have serious consequences for the parties. Join Commissioner Jennie Laird (King County Superior Court), Evangeline Stratton (Anderson, York, & Stratton, PC), Anthony Green (Protection Order Advocacy Program), Tracee Parker (Coalition Ending Gender-Based Violence) as they discuss some “best practices” they encounter in their work as well as the challenges survivors face as they navigate the complexities of the legal system. The panel will focus on practices that are “better than basics” while highlighting important case law and the benefits of procedural justice.</p>	<p>Commissioner Jennie Laird King County Superior Court</p> <p>Anthony Green Advocate King County Protection Order Advocacy Program</p> <p>Tracee Parker, PsyD. Justice for Families Grant Project Manager Coalition Ending Gender-Based Violence</p> <p>Evangeline Stratton, JD Partner Anderson, York and Stratton, PC</p>
3D	<p>It’s a Privilege: Ethical Considerations When Working with Survivors and Community and System-Based Advocates</p> <p>This workshop examines the ethical obligations and dilemmas that civil attorneys and system-based and community advocates face when working together to provide wrap-around services for survivors of domestic violence. After an overview of relevant statutes, RPCs and doctrine, participants will work through a series of hypotheticals to gain a better understanding of their own ethical obligations and consider best practices in order to capitalize on the success of interagency collaboration.</p>	<p>Arpan Aulakh, JD Legal Advocate API Chaya</p> <p>Kate Francis, JD Staff Attorney KCBA Family Law Mentor Program</p> <p>Rochelle Krebs, JD VOCA DV Legal Program Staff Attorney Eastside Legal Assistance Program</p> <p>Kayleigh McNiel DV Victims Advocate Seattle Police Department</p>

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		Elizabeth Tonti VOCA Project Safety Staff Attorney KCBA
3J	<p>Reducing Gun Violence by Upholding Protection Order related Firearm Laws: Practice tips to ensure community safety and due process <i>(This session is only open to judicial officers)</i></p> <p>Domestic violence offenders and firearms are a deadly combination – not just for survivors and their families, but also for law enforcement, the community and offenders themselves (risk of suicide). Since the Washington State legislature unanimously adopted the protection order firearms relinquishment law (RCW 9.41) in 2014, much has been done in King County to try to enforce these laws with the goal of reducing preventable gun violence. This judicial session is designed to address the common issues judicial officers face on the increasing number of cases involving firearm relinquishment orders and how to uphold protection order related firearm laws (to increase victim and community safety) while safeguarding due process. In this session participants will learn:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Risks of this specific offender population (DV offenders) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Limitations to what we know about firearm possession but tools we do have available 2. Firearm laws that apply to protection orders 3. General firearm law updates 4. How to safeguard due process and notice issues 5. Challenges, policy implications and practical issues in compliance or review calendars 6. Question and Answer period 	<p>Judge Jean Rietschel King County Superior Court</p> <p>Christopher Anderson, JD Director, Domestic Violence Unit Seattle City Attorney</p> <p>Sandra Shanahan Program Manager Regional Domestic Violence Firearms Enforcement Unit</p> <p>Kimberly Wyatt, JD Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office</p>
4:50-6 p.m.	Adjournment followed by a Complimentary Networking Reception in Sullivan Hall	

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Speaker Biographies

Art Acevedo

Art Acevedo was sworn-in as Chief of the Houston Police Department (HPD) on November 30, 2016. Chief Acevedo leads a department of 5,200 sworn law enforcement officers and 1,200 civilian support personnel with an annual general fund budget of \$825 million in the fourth largest city in the United States.

Chief Acevedo believes good communication is vital for a successful community and steadily works to strengthen the bond between the community and its police department. A proponent of community policing, Chief Acevedo refers to the proven practice as “Relational Policing,” an opportunity to forge a relationship with each citizen an officer comes in contact with.

The first Hispanic to lead the HPD, Acevedo brings a unique understanding to the concerns of the diverse communities in the City of Houston. Born in Cuba, he was 4 years old when he migrated to the United States with his family in 1968. Acevedo grew up in California and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Administration from the University of La Verne in California. Acevedo began his law enforcement career in 1986 as field patrol officer in East Los Angeles with the California Highway Patrol. He rose through the ranks and was named Chief of the California Highway Patrol in 2005. Acevedo most recently served nine years as Chief of the Austin Police Department.

Chief Acevedo holds various leadership positions with the Major Cities Chiefs Association and the International Association of Chiefs of Police. He is married to Tanya Born Acevedo and is the father of Melissa, Matthew and Jake.

Ronald B. Adrine

Ronald B. Adrine was first elected to the bench of the Cleveland Municipal Court in 1981. He was re-elected five times without opposition, most recently in 2011. During his thirty-six years on the bench, Judge Adrine served as faculty for the Ohio Judicial College on issues concerning Access to Justice, an undertaking he continues during his retirement. In addition, the judge served as a member of the Governor’s Task Force on Family Violence in Ohio, the Ohio Attorney General’s Victim’s Assistance Advisory Board, and the Ohio Supreme Court’s Domestic Violence Task Force. He co-chaired the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence and chaired the National Board of Directors of Futures without violence, formerly known as the Family Violence Prevention Fund. He was elected to serve as the first chair of Cleveland’s Domestic Violence Coordinating Council. The Judge lectures extensively on domestic violence issues to a host of organizations, associations, and governmental agencies, including, the U.S. Department of Justice, the National College of District Attorneys, The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the National League of Cities and the National Center for Disease Control, to name but a few. He is co-author of a reference work entitled, “Ohio Domestic Violence Law,” part of the West Publishing Group’s Ohio Handbook Series. He is a graduate of Fisk University and the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

Kristofer Amblad

Kristofer Amblad is a staff attorney with the Northwest Justice Project (NJP). He received his B.A. in English in 1995 from the University of Washington, and graduated in 2000 with a Juris Doctorate from the University of

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Washington School of Law. He has spent his entire legal career as a legal aid attorney with NJP working with low-income clients on family law, housing, and public benefits cases. Since 2009, he has worked in NJP's Seattle DV Unit under a grant funded by the City of Seattle. In this position, he represents and assists low-income domestic violence survivors in civil protection order hearings, divorce actions, parenting plan actions, and other family law matters. If you have any questions, he can be reached at (206) 464-1519 or krisa@nwjustice.org.

Christopher Anderson, JD

Chris Anderson is the Director of the Domestic Violence Unit at the Seattle City Attorney's Office and co-chair of the Regional Domestic Violence Firearms Enforcement Unit – a multijurisdictional unit dedicated to removing firearms from domestic abusers. Chris started his career in the King County Prosecutor's Office as a Homicide Unit paralegal in 2001 and then became a deputy prosecutor in 2004. He rotated through the Domestic Violence Unit, Juvenile Division, Felony Trial Teams and was a supervisor in the District Court Unit. He was also a member of the Complex Prosecutions and Investigations Division, currently the Special Operations Unit, and was responsible for investigating and prosecuting complex fraud and elder abuse cases. Chris is an active member of the multijurisdictional Domestic Violence Prevention Council and Criminal Justice Committee.

Arpan Aulakh, JD

Arpan Aulakh is an attorney and the Legal Advocate at API Chaya, an organization that supports and provides services to Asian, South Asian, and Pacific Islander survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Before that, she worked as a public defender in Skagit County, representing low-income clients on a wide range of misdemeanor charges. She attended Simon Fraser University, where she earned her B.A., and later earned her J.D. from Gonzaga University School of Law, where she provided legal aid services in local tribal courts. She lives in Bellevue with her husband and Corgi.

Lisa Ball, MSW

Lisa Ball, MSW is a curriculum developer at the Alliance for Child Welfare Excellence. She has been the coordinator of the King County DV/Child Welfare Best Practices Group. Lisa has spent the last 15 years working in child welfare and has coordinated training related to domestic violence across the last 8 years.

Mary Bowman, JD

Mary Nicol Bowman is the Director of the Legal Writing Program at Seattle University School of Law. Professor Bowman is also a national leader in the legal writing community, serving on the Board of Directors for the Legal Writing Institute and co-chairing the Institute's Professional Status Committee. She has also served as chair of the Law-Review Award Committee for Scribes, the American Society of Legal Writers, and she has played a variety of leadership roles within the AALS Section on Legal Research, Reasoning, and Writing.

Professor Bowman's scholarship focuses on criminal procedure and legal writing issues, particularly the intersection of ethical advocacy and persuasion. Professor Bowman's scholarship includes *Mitigating Foul Blows*, a *Georgia Law Review* article regarding appellate review of prosecutorial misconduct in closing arguments, and pieces dealing with bringing social justice collaborations into the first-year legal writing

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course, including a chapter in THE NEW 1L: FIRST-YEAR LAWYERING WITH CLIENTS (2015). She has taught at Seattle University School of Law since 2001. Before that, she clerked for a federal judge and practiced law at Davis Wright Tremaine after receiving her J.D. summa cum laude from Stanford Law School.

Natasha El-Sergany, JD

Natasha El-Sergany is a Removal Defense Unit Staff Attorney at the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project. At NWIRP, Natasha is also the point of contact for Project Safety, a program providing civil legal aid services for victims of crime. Prior to NWIRP, Natasha was a staff attorney at Colectiva Legal del Pueblo, a non-profit immigration legal collective in Burien, Washington. She is a 2010 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law, and attended undergrad at the University of Florida, where she studied creative writing

Elizabeth Flavin, JD

Elizabeth Flavin has been a Project Safety VOCA attorney with Northwest Justice Project since the Project's inception in January 2017, housed in NJP's Kent office. Before that, Elizabeth provided civil legal aid to low income Washington residents through the CLEAR line since joining NJP in 2008. She also helped to organize an advocacy group for low wage workers and clients facing administrative disqualification from employment.

Before joining NJP, Flavin worked for fifteen years at The Defender Association in King County, representing indigent clients facing felonies, misdemeanors, and civil commitments. She also had a four year stint as a sole practitioner handling wage claims for low wage workers. She earned a B.A. in American Studies and her J.D. from the University of Washington.

Kate Francis, JD

Kate Francis is a staff attorney at the King County Bar Association's (KCBA) Family Law Mentor Program where she provides pro bono representation to survivors of domestic violence in protection order and family law cases where children are at risk. Before joining KCBA, Kate served as the Legal Advocate at the Domestic Abuse Women's Network (DAWN) assisting survivors of domestic violence with their legal needs. Kate is a graduate of Seattle University School of Law and was admitted to practice law in Washington in 2011.

Anthony Green, JD

Anthony is an Advocate with the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office Protection Order Advocacy Program. He has worked as a domestic violence victim advocate and attorney with DAWN in King County, Community Legal Services in Arizona, the National Crime Victim Law Institute in Oregon, the Diane Halle Center for Family Justice in Arizona, Safeplace in Texas, and Sexual Assault Support Services in Oregon. He has a JD from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law and a Bachelors in Women's and Gender Studies from the University of Oregon. He really likes protection orders!

Bridget Griffin

Bridget Griffin is currently a Domestic Violence CSO/DSHS and Community Advocate at the YWCA of Seattle/King/Snohomish and is in her third year on staff. She provides advocacy and supportive services in the Seattle DSHS offices to domestic violence survivors who are receiving TANF or applying to receive TANF

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benefits. She accompanies survivors to meetings with DSHS staff and advocates on behalf of survivors with DSHS staff. She helps staff understand the barriers the survivor is facing due to domestic violence in order for them to be successful while receiving TANF. She works with survivors in the community as well as providing advocacy, connections to resources, referrals and letters of support, legal advocacy for survivors starting divorce, parenting plan, name change and protection order cases. She accompanies survivors to court hearings as well as other meetings, provides advocacy-based counseling, domestic violence education and safety planning to survivors. Bridget also provides outreach and educational presentations to the community regarding domestic violence. She has worked in the field of domestic violence for more than 15 years here in Washington State. Her passion for her job comes from her desire to advocate, educate, enlighten and provoke change in both individuals and systems regarding domestic violence and its effect on both the family unit and the community.

Grace Huang, JD

Grace Huang is the Policy Director at the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence, and is responsible for coordinating the Institute's legislative, administrative and court policy advocacy. Prior to her position at API-GBV, Ms. Huang worked at the state level to advance the interests of survivors of gender based-violence in the Washington State legislature. She worked at the national level to address the needs of victims in the federal Violence Against Women Act and the Family Violence Services and Prevention Act, and to ensure that financial resources authorized in federal legislation are accessible to domestic violence programs providing services for immigrant survivors of domestic violence. Ms. Huang previously worked as an attorney, both in private practice and in civil legal services, representing clients in immigration, family law, government benefits, and housing cases.

Ms. Huang represents the Asian Pacific Institute on the steering committee of the National Taskforce to End Sexual and Domestic Violence, and serves on the Washington State Gender and Justice Commission of the Washington Supreme Court. Ms. Huang is the recipient of several awards: American Bar Association Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence 20/20 Vision award (2015); University of Washington School of Law Distinguished Alumnae Award from the Law Women's Caucus (2013); and an inductee of the UW Law School Public Interest Law Association Hall of Fame (2008). She was recognized by the Washington State Bar Family Law Section as "Professional of the Year" (2005); received the Cynthia Gillespie Award from the Northwest Women's Law Center recognizing her work advancing legal rights for women (2000); and, along with her colleagues received the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project "Golden Door Award" (1999) for her advocacy on behalf of immigrants.

Rochelle Krebs, JD

Rochelle Krebs is a graduate of Notre Dame Law School and was admitted to practice law in the State of Washington in 2010. As a VOCA-funded domestic violence legal program staff attorney at Eastside Legal Assistance Program (ELAP), Rochelle works with domestic violence survivors to obtain protection orders and resolve related family law matters. She partners directly with LifeWire to help survivors and their children, and assists those referred to ELAP by other community domestic violence service agencies and from Project Safety, where she also serves as a member of the Project Safety Steering Committee. Prior to working at ELAP, Rochelle was a stay at home mom who provided over 1,500 pro bono hours to low-income domestic violence survivors and immigrants as a volunteer attorney with Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, and as a Legal Fellow with ELAP. When not practicing law Rochelle enjoys keeping active with her family, Jeff, and their two young boys, Calvin and Harvey.

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Commissioner Jennie Laird

Jennie Laird is a King County Superior Court family law commissioner, currently serving on the domestic violence protection order, family law motions, and state child support calendars at the MRJC in Kent. Prior to her family law rotation, she served in juvenile court on the dependency calendars in both Seattle and Kent. Prior to being appointed a court commissioner in December 2013, she practiced family law with a focus on contested custody cases between married or unmarried parents, nonparental custody actions, cases involving domestic violence and abuse allegations, and second parent and step-parent adoptions. Jennie taught family law, domestic violence law, and family law clinical and legal writing courses as an adjunct professor at Seattle University School of Law, and she was awarded the 2010 Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award for her work there. Jennie is a past President of the Board of Directors of the QLaw Foundation, and she was the volunteer attorney coordinator the King County Bar Association's Domestic Violence Family Law Legal Clinic for 16 years.

Heather Lofgren, MSW

Heather Lofgren has worked for Children's Administration, Child Protection Services, since 2008 as a CPS investigator, Supervisor and currently as a Quality Practice Specialists. She holds a Bachelors and Master's degree in Social Work obtained from the University of Washington. She is passionate about child safety and is dedicated to working with community partners, as well as families, to promote solutions and resources to families in crisis. She has been a member of the King County DV Best Practice Group since January 2018.

David Martin, JD

David Martin is the Chair of Domestic Violence Unit at King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office in Seattle.

Jenny Mashek, JD

Jenny Mashek is the Directing Attorney of NWIRP's Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Unit. The VAWA Unit represents immigrant survivors of violence with VAWA Self-Petitions, I-751 Waiver Petitions, U Visas, and T Visas, as well as removal defense. Jenny received her B.A. from the University of Notre Dame and her J.D. from the University of Iowa. She spent five years practicing law at Farmworker Legal Services of Michigan before joining NWIRP in May 2008. Jenny is fluent in Spanish. Contact her at: jenny@nwirp.org.

Ken Masters, JD

Ken Masters has been litigating civil appeals for over 25 years. He chairs the WSBA's Rules Drafting Task Force on the escalating costs of civil litigation.

Kim McClay, JD

Kim McClay has eighteen years' experience working with victims of domestic violence. As the current Domestic Violence Prosecutor for the City of Federal Way, City Attorney's Office, Ms. McClay handles all domestic violence cases prosecuted within the City of Federal Way. She works collaboratively with the King County Prosecutor's Office and cross-jurisdictionally with other agencies in holding defendants of domestic violence accountable. Prior to this role, she prosecuted felony and misdemeanor domestic violence cases for the San Juan County Prosecutor's Office; prosecuted all domestic violence cases for the City of Bellevue, City

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Attorney's Office; and started her career prosecuting domestic violence as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Benton County.

Before becoming a lawyer, Ms. McClay held positions for the State of Oregon as a Child Protective Social Service (CPS) Specialist and for Denver, Colorado at Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center as a representative who advocated in the interest of children exposed to domestic violence. She also lobbied and testified at legislative committee meetings in the State of Vermont to advocate for legislation to protect children exposed to domestic violence. She has volunteered her time serving as an Executive Board Member for SafeSpace, where she assisted victims of domestic violence within the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) community, as well as having volunteered as a domestic violence advocate for Women Helping Battered Women. Ms. McClay holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Denver, Sturm College of Law, and a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Lewis and Clark College.

Kayleigh McNeil

Kayleigh McNeil is a domestic violence victims' advocate at the Seattle Police Department (SPD) where for the last four years, she has worked on felony level cases to provide recourses and support to victims and their families in navigating the criminal justice system and planning for safety. Prior to joining SPD, Kayleigh worked as a paralegal in the criminal division of the Seattle City Attorney's Office where she first encountered victim advocates. She decided to make the career change after volunteering both with New Beginnings and as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for children in custody disputes.

Joe Morrison

Joe Morrison works for Columbia Legal Services in Wenatchee and represents primarily agricultural workers in class actions.

Hao Nguyen

Hao Nguyen is the Anti-Trafficking Program Coordinator and a senior human trafficking victim advocate at API Chaya, a grassroots organization that provides culturally and linguistically relevant services to victims of human trafficking, domestic violence, and sexual assault. Ms. Nguyen came on staff in 2009 after she finished her Master Degree in Social Work from the University of Washington. In the last 9 years, she provided intensive case management and crisis intervention to survivors of human trafficking of all forms. Ms. Nguyen is a trainer, presenter, and panelist at state and national conferences, community events, and universities on topics including: identifying victims of human trafficking, intersection of domestic violence, sexual assault, & human trafficking, cultural competency, trauma-informed case management, and forming survivor leadership groups. She is currently the Housing Committee Co-chair of Washington State Task Force against the Trafficking of Persons, and an Advisory Board member of the Seattle University's Social Work program.

Doris O'Neal

Doris O'Neal is the Director of Domestic Violence Services, YWCA King County. She has been employed with the YWCA for 12 years. She has worked in the Domestic Violence Prevention and Advocacy field for over 20 years. In her former role, she worked for the King County Prosecutor's Office for 16 years in the civil and criminal divisions. In her current position as DV Director, she manages a DV shelter, Community Advocacy programs, and a Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE) program. She has developed and implemented an

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ongoing CSE program that provides supportive services for adult survivors that have been involved in human trafficking, and is a partner on the CEASE Task force team. She's a former board member of the Coalition Ending Gender Based Violence.

Tracee Parker, Psy.D.

Dr. Parker's background includes domestic violence advocacy, batterers' intervention, community organizing, training, facilitation, and consulting. She was the Director of a nationally recognized DV-focused supervised visitation program for 8 years and has provided training locally and nationally on a variety of topics related to intimate partner abuse and in particular, post-separation battering and family court. Tracee currently works at the Coalition Ending Gender-Based Violence as the Justice for Families Grant Project Manager.

Polly Peshtaz, JD

Palwasha (Polly) Peshtaz is a first generation Afghan American. Polly Peshtaz was born and raised in Washington State, attended the University of Washington Tacoma for her undergraduate degree in Business and Seattle University School of Law for her Juris Doctor.

Polly has been a Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Tacoma for the past twelve years where she primarily focuses on domestic violence cases and works with victims of domestic violence from all different backgrounds to hold the abuser accountable for his/her actions.

Outside of court, Polly is also highly involved in the community and has presented on issues of Domestic Violence to the YWCA women's shelter, the University of Washington Tacoma, the Tacoma Police Department, the first City of Tacoma & HOPE's Domestic Violence Conference in 2015 and the Citizens Academy in Tacoma. Additionally, Polly was a guest speaker on the local TV Tacoma where she spoke with a Detective on Prosecution of DV crimes.

Polly is also one of the founding members of the Middle Eastern Legal Association of Washington (MELAW) that was developed to provide opportunities, events, and educational seminars to attorneys from all backgrounds and also participates with the local chapter of Lawyers Helping Hungry Children organization.

Maria Pintar, M.A.

Maria Pintar, M.A., is the Domestic Violence Legal Advocate at the YWCA of Seattle/King/Snohomish, where she is starting her fifth year as a staff member. She provides information, resources and supportive services to domestic violence survivors who are seeking assistance as they navigate the legal system. Most of the survivors she works with are filing protection orders, divorces, and/or parenting plans. However, she also assists survivors with many other types of legal cases, including: landlord/tenant, immigration, criminal, name change, identity theft/fraud, guardianship, and other family law cases. Maria also advocates for survivors with courts, landlords, housing authorities, banks, police departments, attorneys, DSHS, and any other system survivors interact with as they seek safety and justice. Maria has worked in the field of domestic violence, sexual violence and commercial sexual exploitation as an advocate since 2006.

Ashley Piper

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Ashley Piper is a Staff Attorney for the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project's VAWA Unit. She represents survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking obtain immigration relief through VAWA Self Petitions, U visas, T visas and asylum. Ashley obtained her B.A. in Political Science and Spanish from Montana State University and J.D. from the University of Montana. Ashley focused both her undergraduate and legal studies on immigrant advocacy in the states of Montana and Washington.

Sergeant Eric Pisconski

Sergeant Eric Pisconski has been with the Seattle Police Department since 2005, and oversees their Crisis Response Unit (CRU). Their mission is to support patrol operations in the field utilizing a co-responder model and the applicable follow-up in criminal and non-criminal cases involving a mental health nexus. They also develop individually tailored response plans for disproportionate utilizers of 911 services and pursue Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPO's) for individuals meeting established criteria. In 2018, they are on pace to have 10,000 cases routed to the CRU and average assessing 2 individuals per week for ERPO's.

He serves as a lead instructor for Tactical De-Escalation and created trainings related to 'Officer Approaches to De-Escalation' for the BJA sponsored VALOR training and the FBI – Seattle field office. Sergeant Pisconski has conducted those trainings for dozens of law enforcement agencies, and thousands of officers, around the country. He has served as a lead instructor for the City of Seattle's Race and Social Justice Initiative (RSJI) and the Listen and Explain with Equity and Dignity (LEED) training, and as a moderator for both the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission 40-hr CIT course and the FBI Hostage Negotiator training. Sergeant Pisconski is also a member of the State of Washington's "Safer Homes – Suicide Aware" Taskforce. He presented at the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) – Integrating Communications, Assessment, and Tactics (ICAT) seminar as a subject matter expert, was published in their Jan-Feb, 2017 newsletter; and has written various blog articles on related topics. Sergeant Pisconski was also a key speaker at the 2017 NAMI-Delaware and the 2018 New Jersey Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association annual conferences.

Hon. Jean A. Rietschel

Jean A. Rietschel was appointed as a judge at King County Superior Court by former Governor Christine Gregoire in 2010. She is presently serving as the Chief of Family Law. She has done prior rotations in Civil, Criminal and Family Law.

Judge Rietschel received the 2011 Vanguard Award from King County's Washington Women's Lawyers. In 2001 she received the 2001 Seattle Works Award. She has chaired the King County Trial Court Coordinating Committee, the Regional Law Safety and Justice Committee., and the Best Practices Committee. Prior to her appointment to Superior Court she served as a Judge and as the Presiding Judge in Seattle Municipal Court. As an attorney she worked in her own solo practice, for Institutional Legal Services, and for the Public Defenders' office.

Judge Rietschel received an undergraduate degree from the University of Rochester in philosophy and a J.D. from the University of Washington School of Law.

Kellie Rogers, MSW

Kellie Rogers is the Director of Advocacy and Programs at the Domestic Abuse Women's Network (DAWN). She developed the Children's Domestic Violence Program and has worked with hundreds of children and their

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families around issues of domestic violence. One product of the program is the booklet, "Through Their Eyes: The Impact of Domestic Violence on Children". Kellie was also a part of the Safe Havens Visitation national demonstration site project through the Office on Violence Against Women. As a part of this project, she participated in numerous national think tanks and trainings as well as co-authoring along with Dr. J. Edleson and other Safe Havens staff, the article Danger Zone, published in November 2008 in the Journal on Violence Against Women. Kellie is a member of the CPS/DV Best Practices Team for Region IV, and one of the designers of the Children's Domestic Violence Response Team; a collaborative project bringing together mental health therapists, and domestic violence community and children's advocates. Kellie has completed the PRAXIS Advocacy Learning Center an 18-month course on improving responses to survivors of domestic violence on the individual, systems and community levels.

Kody Russell, MSW

Kody Russell is the Executive Director of Kitsap Strong and he is one of 25 Washington State certified trainers in the NEAR sciences (neuroscience, epigenetics, Adverse Childhood Experiences - ACEs, & resiliency) curriculum that challenges our understanding of human behavior and many of the social and health challenges we see in our community. He is an engaging and entertaining presenter who uses storytelling and real-life examples to help make sense of complex scientific information.

Kody has over ten years of experience working with children and families in the child welfare system who have experienced significant trauma and struggled with associated social and health problems; including mental health issues, substance use disorders, aggression, child abuse & neglect, anger, hostility, sexual behavior issues, homelessness, poverty, etc. Before being hired as the Kitsap Strong Executive Director, Kody worked for the Department of Children & Family Services (DCFS) for over seven years as a Child Protective Services (CPS) Investigator, Department of Licensed Resources - Foster Home Licensor, and as a Family Team Decision Meeting Facilitator/Supervisor. Prior to working for DCFS, Kody was a supervisor at Ryther Child Center in Seattle, a behavioral rehabilitation center for "Sexually Aggressive Youth".

Kody received his Bachelors in Psychology from Seattle University in 2000 and a Master's in Social Work from Eastern Washington University in 2014. He uses his education and lived experience working with children and families through the child welfare system to add deep meaning and life to the science of trauma and resiliency.

Sandra Shanahan

Sandra Shanahan is the Program Manager of the newly formed Regional Domestic Violence Firearms Enforcement Unit. Prior to this position she managed the Protection Order Advocacy Program (POAP) in the Domestic Violence Unit of the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office for 15 years.

Jane Stoever, JD

Jane Stoever is a Clinical Law Professor at the University of California, Irvine School of Law. She teaches Family Law, directs the Domestic Violence Clinic where she supervises law students and represents abuse survivors in family law and immigration cases, and directs the Initiative to End Family Violence, which unites faculty from 21 departments at UCI and community partners in research, educational, and clinical interventions in abuse. Professor Stoever co-chairs the Orange County Domestic Violence Death Review Team and previously taught at Georgetown University Law Center, American University Washington College of Law, and Seattle University

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School of Law. She received her J.D. from Harvard Law School and her LL.M. from Georgetown University Law Center.

Evangeline Stratton, JD

Prior to joining Anderson, York & Stratton as a partner, Evangeline practiced for five years as a solo family law attorney. She opened her practice in 2011, after being admitted to the Washington State Bar in November of 2010. Evangeline graduated from William Mitchell College of Law (now Mitchell | Hamline) in St. Paul, Minnesota, and completed her final year at Seattle University School of Law. While in law school, Evangeline also earned her Masters in Gender and Women's Studies at Minnesota State University, through a unique dual degree program.

Evangeline focuses on serving clients who are survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. She brings to her practice 19 years of experience advocating for and representing survivors. Evangeline represents clients in their petitions for domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking orders for protection, as well as in administrative proceedings at colleges and universities, and in their family law matters. Her practice area has recently expanded to include appeals and civil litigation for survivors.

Providing low bono accessible legal services is a priority for Evangeline, and for Anderson, York & Stratton as a firm. She continues her commitment to service through King County Bar Association volunteer programs, Legal Voice policy workgroup membership, and previously served for six years on the Eastside Legal Assistance Program board of directors.

Kyle Sumpter

Kyle Sumpter is the deputy chief at the Federal Way Police Department. As a patrol officer in Tukwila and Bellevue he was a first responder to all types of DV calls, from “verbal” to homicide. As a police detective he investigated felony crimes of domestic violence, seeing cases through prosecution. He spent several years on a regional SWAT team as an officer, team leader, then team commander. At the request of participating chiefs of police, Kyle formed and commanded a regional team of detectives responsible for investigating officer-involved shootings and in-custody deaths. Kyle gives training to law enforcement agencies around the state. He occasionally serves as an expert witness in court cases involving police practices.

Elizabeth Tonti, JD

Elizabeth Tonti received her Bachelor of Arts from Smith College and her Juris Doctorate from Seattle University School of Law. She is admitted to practice law in Washington State and Arkansas. As the VOCA-funded Project Safety Staff attorney with the King County Bar Association (KCBA) Elizabeth provided direct legal services to domestic violence survivors in protection order cases. She also recruited, trained, and mentored pro bono attorneys representing survivors, and served on the Project Safety Steering Committee. Before joining KCBA, Elizabeth worked as a public defender with the Pierce County Department of Assigned counsel (DAC) where she represented indigent clients charged with misdemeanor offenses in all stages of district and municipal court proceedings. Prior to that, Elizabeth spent two years working with Legal Aid of Arkansas, first as an AmeriCorps legal fellow and then as a staff attorney, where she represented low income domestic violence survivors in a range of civil legal matters including highly contested family law cases, in domestic violence protection order hearings, administrative hearings related to child abuse and neglect, and in obtaining immigration relief. She also developed and implemented a teen dating violence prevention initiative and provided technical support to domestic violence shelters and service providers throughout

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northeast Arkansas. Elizabeth volunteers with the Seattle Clemency Law Project and serves on the Board of Directors of the Coalition Ending Gender Based Violence.

Kimberly Wyatt, JD

Kimberly Wyatt is a Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney with the King County Prosecutor's Office. She has been with the office since 2001. Kim has spent half her career with KCPAO working on domestic violence cases. Most recently, Kim has been part of the newly formed Domestic Violence Regional Firearms Enforcement Unit working on firearm compliance cases and high risk DV firearm offenders. Kim also works extensively on Washington's Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) cases. Prior to her work on DV firearm cases, Kim started and served as a co-located prosecutor with the City of Seattle Attorney's Office-Domestic Violence Unit. In this role, Kim served as a liaison between the City of Seattle Attorney's Office, Seattle Police Department-DV Unit, and the KCPAO. Kim's work included identifying misdemeanor DV, stalking, and child abuse cases for felony charges. Kim also has expertise in stalking cases and is national trained as a Professional Trainer on Stalking Victimization with the Office of Violence Against Women-Department of Justice. In 2013, Kim was certified to train on Strangulation cases at the Advanced Strangulation Course for Trainers and Experts, San Diego (CA (2013). Kim most recently presented at the Seattle University School of Law's DV Symposium (2017). Kim received her B.A. from Pepperdine University, and her J.D. cum laude from Seattle University School of Law.

Robert Wyman, JD MSW

Rob Wyman is the Co-Director of the Court Improvement Training Academy (CITA) at the University of Washington School of Law where he works with judges, commissioners, court staff, attorneys, social workers, CASA and other stakeholders in child welfare. CITA uses data to inform strategic planning and facilitates the process of innovation and change in child welfare systems, and delivers training to judges, attorneys, and other stakeholders. Rob is also an attorney consultant with the Judicial Engagement Team of Casey Family Programs, currently working in Maricopa County Juvenile Court in Arizona to further the goal of safely reducing the number of children and youth in the foster care system. Rob spent five years after college working in the juvenile corrections systems in Washington and Oregon States in many capacities. He then went to the University of Denver to attain an MSW and JD, specializing in the representation of children and youth in the foster care system. After graduation, Rob worked at The Defender Association in Seattle for 12 years, and supervised attorneys representing parents and youth in the dependency division for eight years.

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