

## **EDUCATION**

Tulane University School of Law

JD, *magna cum laude*

New Orleans, LA

May 2013

University of Washington

BA Latin American Studies, *cum laude*

Seattle, WA

March 2008

BA Spanish, *cum laude*

## **PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

Office of Civil Legal Aid

Olympia, WA

Children's Representation Program Director

October 2024-present

Develop, execute, and direct the programmatic objectives of OCLA's Children's Representation Program, including recruitment, training, stakeholder engagement, implementation of legislation, policy development, and program expansion. Oversee a team of 8 staff. Develop and oversee a biennial operating budget in excess of \$20 million. Interface with lawmakers as a subject matter expert and provide key testimony and advocacy concerning program priorities. Effected an agency-wide reorganization and position-alignment. Spearheaded an unprecedented programmatic initiative to incorporate the voice of impacted communities in programmatic objectives.

Children's Representation Program Manager

March 2022-October 2024

Developed, executed, and managed programmatic objectives, including executing the effective implementation of historic legislation establishing a statewide right to counsel for dependent children. Oversaw a team of 6 staff. Recruited, trained, and maintained a statewide panel of independently contracted attorneys. Participated as the agency representative in statewide committees and workgroups concerning child welfare. Managed a program of continuing legal education courses and developed content. Developed annual and biennial budgets, including drafting and promoting legislative budget requests. Managed \$13 million biennial program budget.

Children's Representation Program Counsel

July 2021-March 2022

Provided technical assistance to statewide panel of contracted children's representation attorneys. Conducted formal reviews of attorney-contractors. Assisted the program manager in executing programmatic objectives, including developing and presenting continuing legal education courses.

Wildwood Legal, PS

Tacoma, WA

Owner & Practitioner

January 2015-December 2021

Primarily represented youth in the foster care system through contracts with the Office of Civil Legal Aid and Pierce County Department of Assigned Counsel. Additionally provided parent representation through contracts with the Washington State Office of Public Defense.

Law Office of Kathrine Price

Tacoma, WA

Associate Attorney

October 2013-January 2015

Primarily represented children and parents in dependency proceedings in Pierce County. Also provided defense for civil contempt cases and misdemeanors (adult and juvenile).

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Children's Justice Task Force Olympia, WA  
Committee Co-Chair May 2025-Present  
Co-Chair the Review & Evaluation Committee. Review and update taskforce by laws.  
Draft biennial reports to the federal government regarding taskforce activities.

Task Force Member April 2023-Present  
Participate in quarterly meetings as a representative of the children's representation community. Participate in the development of annual Children's Justice Conference.

Supreme Court Commission on Children in Foster Care Olympia, WA  
Commission Member March 2022-Present  
Represent OCLA's Children's Representation Program at Commission meetings.  
Collaborate with other Commission members for systems improvements.

WSBA Juvenile Law Section Seattle, WA  
Chair and/or Chair-Elect October 2022-Present  
Preside over monthly meetings of the Juvenile Law Section. Liaise with WSBA section oversight personnel. Monitor section budgets, produce annual reports, make committee appointments, and generally tend to the needs of the Section.

Legislative Liaison October 2019-September 2022  
Track and report back to the Section regarding legislation relevant to child welfare and juvenile justice. Liaise with WSBA's Legislative Review Committee concerning Bar sponsorship of bills and testimony at state congressional hearings.

National Association of Counsel for Children Denver, CO  
State Coordinator August 2022-Present  
Serve as the Washington State liaison between NACC and child welfare practitioners, courts, organizations, and law schools. Provide localized support to child welfare practitioners.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Washington State Family and Youth Justice Programs  
Juvenile Non-Offender Benchbook December 2024  
Co-Editor of the *Representation for Children & Youth* chapter

WSBA Council on Public Defense  
Family Defense Standards Sub-Workgroup September 2024  
Co-Author of the updated caseload and practice standards for attorneys representing parents and children in dependency proceedings in Washington State.

Supreme Court Commission on Children in Foster Care  
Children's Representation Standards Workgroup September 2022  
Co-Author of the *Representation of Children and Youth in Dependency Cases Practice, Caseload, and Training Standards*

Washington State Bar Association  
Family Law Deskbook January 2022  
Co-Editor of the Dependency & CHINS/ARY chapter of the third edition of the *Washington Family Law Deskbook* (2022).

## PRESENTATIONS

Pierce County Juvenile Court Dependency Court Professionals Symposium	March 2025
Presenter: <i>Understanding Legal Interest Representation: What It Is &amp; How It Is Applied</i>	
Washington State Office of Public Defense, Office of Civil Legal Aid, and Akin Families Stronger Together Statewide Annual Conference	October 2024
Presenter & Panel Facilitator: <i>Centering Client Need: Strategies for Effective Client Communication</i>	
Presenter: <i>Legal Interest Representation? What's That??</i>	
Children's Justice Task Force Children's Justice Conference	April 2024
Presenter: <i>Understanding Children's Representation in Washington State</i>	
Washington State Office of Civil Legal Children's Representation Training	February 2024
Presenter: <i>Understanding Legal Interest Representation, An In-Depth Examination</i>	
Washington State Office of Civil Legal Aid Children's Representation Training	October 2023
Presenter: <i>Legal Interest Advocacy: An In-Depth, Practical Examination</i>	
Washington State Office of Public Defense, Office of Civil Legal Aid, and Children's Home Society	
Families Stronger Together Statewide Annual Conference	September 2023
Presenter: <i>Difficult Conversations: How to Have Ethical &amp; Trauma-Responsive Conversations About Sensitive Topics with Your Child Client</i>	
Washington State Office of Civil Legal Aid Children's Representation Training	February 2023
Co-presenter: <i>Child Representation Standards &amp; Legal Interest Advocacy</i>	
Team Child, Office of Civil Legal Aid, and Office of Public Defense How to be a Holistic Youth Defender Training Series	December 2022
Co-presenter: <i>Understanding Your Client's Civil Legal Needs</i>	
Washington State Office of Civil Legal Aid Children's Representation Training	August 2022
Presenter: <i>Basics of Legal Interest Advocacy</i>	
Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts Children's Representation Training	March 2022
Co-presenter: <i>The Ethics of Submitting a Report to Court in Dependency Proceedings</i>	
Washington Association of Child Advocate Programs WACAP 26 <sup>th</sup> Annual Statewide Conference	November 2021
Co-presenter: <i>Teamwork Makes the Dream Work: Understanding the Unique Roles of the Child Advocate and Child's Attorney in Dependency Cases (non-CLE)</i>	
Washington State Office of Civil Legal Aid Children's Representation Training	May-June 2019
Co-presenter: <i>Trauma-Informed Client Communication</i>	
Administrative Office of the Court's Court Improvement Training Academy Communicating with Your Client: Strategies, Tools, and Techniques for Success	March 2019
Co-Presenter: <i>Communication Tools and Strategies for Varying Ages Complex Communication Issues</i>	

*Counseling the Whole Person*

Pierce County Juvenile Court

Lunchbox Learning Series

October 2016

Presenter: *The Role of the Attorney for the Child in Dependency* (non-CLE)