

## La Vonna A. Jones

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### EXPERIENCE

#### **Washington State Office of Administrative Hearings—Olympia, WA**

*Administrative Law Judge—January 2020 – Present*

- Preside over administrative disputes through informal, impartial, and prompt hearings.  
Hearing subject matters assigned:
  - Child Support (Division of Child Support)
  - Child Protective Services (Department of Children, Youth, and Family)
  - Adult Protective Services (Aging and Long-Term Support Administration)
  - Medical, Dental, Transportation, and Equipment (Health Care Authority)
  - Public Assistance (Department of Social and Health Services as well as Home and Community Services, Developmental Disabilities, and Aging and Long-Term Support Administration)
- Selected for the agency-wide Diversity Equity Inclusion and Respect Committee. Represented Olympia Field Office and the Union/Field Office liaison. Invited two guest speakers (Why DEI is not Working – International Speaker and the Science Behind Microaggressions – National Speaker) and organized an office-wide activity for the Olympia Field Office.
- Selected for the Division of Child Support Electronic Training Manual project. Responsibilities included research, drafting, editing, and preparing scripts.

#### **Pierce County Superior Court—Tacoma, WA**

*Commissioner Pro Tempore-2021 – Present*

- Preside over family law motion matters.
- Attend Trainings (UGA, Housing Law Updates, and Civil Protection Orders)

*Family Law Case Technician—September 2017 – January 2020*

- Worked with judicial officers, Superior Court and Clerk's Office Staff, Attorneys, Community Service Organizations, and other stakeholders to recommend, develop, implement and evaluate uniform standards/policies, templates, and guidelines to best facilitate early resolution in family law cases.
  - Self-help materials for family law matters
- Assisted self-represented litigants without providing legal advice.
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#### **L.A. Jones Law, PS—Seattle, WA**

*Solo Practitioner—July 2014 – September 2017*

- Established an S Corporation in compliance with the laws of the State of Washington, City of Seattle, and the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.
- Managed all facets of this business to maximize customer value and minimize waste.

- Practice areas included family law and family-based immigration.
- Supervised legal support staff (1 - 2) and assigned tasks to a contract attorney.

**Seattle Immigration & Family Law Group, PS**— Seattle, WA

*Shareholder, Attorney*—May 2006 — July 2014

- Co-owner/shareholder of firm responsible for every facet of management including hiring of assistants and selecting and supervising expert and third-party contractual relationships.
- Supervised legal support staff (2- 4) and assigned tasks to an attorney.

**The Prince Law Firm, PS**—Seattle, Washington

*Legal Intern*—Spring 2002 — November 2003

*Attorney*—November 2003 — April 2006

- Pretrial preparation for family law matters including drafting memoranda, trial briefs, petitions, motions, orders, responsive pleadings and interrogatories and other discovery requests, and where appropriate, noting and filing same.
- Appeared in Superior Court as a Rule 9 Legal Intern and later as attorney of record 3 — 5 times per week across various counties.
- Supervised legal support staff (2-5) and assigned tasks to an attorney.
- Awarded "Rising Star" designation for family law by Washington Law and Politics (2007).

**Legal Action Center, Catholic Community Services**—Seattle, WA

*Legal Intern*—Fall Semester 2001

**Carney Badley Smith & Spellman, PS**— Seattle, WA

*Summer Intern*—May 2001 — August 2001

**Illinois Department of Children and Family Services**—Granite City/East St. Louis, IL

*Child Welfare Specialist II, Licensed*—October 1997 — July 2000

**Illinois Department of Corrections, Logan Correctional Center**—Lincoln, IL

*Correctional Counselor II, Spanish Speaking*—August 1993 — October 1997

**RELEVANT EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**Implicit Bias Training**—March 2019

**The People’s Gathering Conference (A Revolution of Consciousness!)**—April 2019

**Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Annual Conference**—2018

**Mediation Practicum**—Admitted March 2016

**Family Mediation Training (24 hours)**—April 2016

**Basic Mediation Training (40 hours)**—July 2015

**Supreme Court of Washington**—Admitted November 2003

**Seattle University School of Law**—J.D., May, 2003

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**—B.S., Psychology, May 1992

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Washington State Bar Association**—Family Law Executive Committee – Chair, Family Law Basic Skills Training, (Spring 2023), Elected Member at Large (Fall 2020 – 2023), Elections Committee Member (Spring 2018 and Spring 2023) Presenter for New Lawyer Education, Family Law Bootcamp (2015); Member of Family Law Section (2003 — Present)

**Domestic Relations Attorneys of Washington**— Member (2017 - Present)

**King County Bar Association**—Member of Family Law (2003 — Present), Alternative Dispute Resolution (2015 — 2017), and Small and Solo Business (2015 — 2017) Sections

**FIRST Robotics Team 2928** (Ballard High School)—Non-engineering mentor, Fundraiser (2014 — 2017)

**College Success Foundation** (Garfield High School)—Volunteer, mentor for college bound students (2012 — 2016)

**Neighborhood Legal Clinic** (Greenwood Family Law Clinic)—Volunteer, family law attorney (2011-2014)

**King County Bar Association Judicial Screening Committee**—Volunteer, screening judicial candidates (2007 - 2012)

**Northwest Immigrant Rights Project**—Violence Against Women Act pro bono immigration attorney (2007 — 2010); Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals pro bono attorney (2012)

**Loren Miller Bar Association**—Co-Chair Philip L. Burton Scholarship Dinner (2004); Chair of Education Committee for Brown v. Board of Education outreach effort which won the Washington Young Lawyers Division Outstanding Affiliate Organization Award (2004)

## La Vonna Jones – Statement of Interest

Family law is my first love. I began practicing family law as a Rule 9 intern in law school. Since that time, I have watched as the practice has grown and changed. I want to contribute to the growth and positive changes for the bar, the public, and our profession. I have no illusions that I can get it all done by myself nor do I feel that there is only one “right” way to achieve these goals. I do my best work when I collaborate. I am open to considering not just what has worked in the past, but how we can move forward to have a future. I hope to have your support to continue working for you on FLEC. Thank you.