

JEFFREY BENNETT ADAMS

EXPERIENCE

Training and Operations Manager, WA State Office of Civil Legal Aid. 2024 – present

Supporting the Children’s Representation Program (CRP) Program Director on legislative and programmatic policy objectives, including monitoring and researching pending legislation relevant to the CRP. Attending statewide policy and legislative meetings as assigned. Assisting with answering agency questions, consulting on legislative or policy questions, and drafting proposed documents to the legislature as assigned. Providing direct assistance with the development, drafting, and monitoring of the budget and program expenses, including supplemental budget requests. Supervising the CRP administrative staff and the CRP Client Voice & Community Impact Coordinator.

Developing and delivering equity-centered training to contract attorneys, including managing logistics of in-person and virtual events and OCLA’s learning management system. Collaborating with external entities and organizations on the development of trainings and CLEs relevant to contracted attorneys. Drafting and circulating a contractor newsletter that covers updates on rules, regulations, legislation and caselaw; training opportunities; upcoming deadlines; and any other relevant material.

Training Coordinator, WA State Office of Civil Legal Aid. 2023 – 2024

Adjunct Professor, Gonzaga University School of Law. 2025

Commissioner Pro-Tempore, Spokane County. 2019 – 2023

Attorney, Smith & Adams P.S. (formerly, L. Craig Cary Smith & Assoc. P.S.) 2010 – 2022

Adjunct Professor, Eastern Washington University. 2011 – 2019

Extra Help Attorney, Spokane County Public Defender’s Office. 2010

Associate Attorney, Action Legal Group, PLLC. 2009

EDUCATION

Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane, Washington. 2008
Juris Doctor.

Eastern Washington University, Spokane, Washington. 2011
Master of Business Administration.

Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington.
Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, history major, philosophy minor. 2005

MEMBERSHIPS/COMMITTEES

Child Welfare Law Specialist , National Assoc. of Counsel for Children.	2023 – present
Member , Washington State Juvenile Forms Committee.	2023 – present
Washington State Bar Association. WSBA No. 40701.	2008 – present

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Treasurer , WSBA Juvenile Law Section. Responsible for maintaining financial records for the Section, communicating with the WSBA and other organizations on financial matters, and reporting to the Section on its financial position. In collaboration with the Chair, drafts proposed budget for Executive Committee approval and submission to the WSBA for approval. Review the financial statements to the extent provided by the WSBA for accuracy and provide any corrections to the WSBA.	2024 – present
Legislative Committee Co-Director , WSBA Juvenile Law Section. Responsible for identifying and monitoring pending legislation in the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives that impact juveniles and their families in child welfare and juvenile justice consistent with the WSBA's Section Legislative Comment Policy, track progress and pivotal points in the legislative process, communicate regularly with the WSBA's Legislative Coordinator, and act as a resource to the section regarding any public comment.	2023 – present
Director, Chair, Co-Treasurer , Friends of KSPS Public Television. .	2017 – 2023
Member , EWU Business & Marketing Edu. Advisory Committee.	2015 – 2022
Director, Treasurer , Spokane Fantasy Flight.	2013 – 2016
Director, Captain , SpokeFest Association.	2010 – 2012