

KARRINA GUILBAULT

SUMMARY

Experienced attorney passionate about children's representation in the child welfare system, seeking to continue my career in a position where I can utilize my knowledge & experience for systemic improvement and change.

- Substantial knowledge and understanding of courts, the court system, and child welfare law
- Demonstrated passion for equity and justice for children involved in the child welfare system
- Strong organizational and time management skills
- Member of the Washington State Bar Association since 2012

EDUCATION

J.D. Juris Doctor – Gonzaga University School of Law, 2011

B.A. Bachelor of Arts, Law & Justice/Legal Studies – Central Washington University, 2008

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Managing Attorney
Washington State Office of Civil Legal Aid
Children's Representation Program
Spokane, Washington
September 2023 – present

- Manage, monitor, and oversee the performance of contract attorneys and their adherence to statewide standards in dependency, termination, and guardianship cases in 20 counties in Eastern Washington
- Provide technical assistance to contract attorneys, including fielding questions directly from contractors as well as monitoring & responding to inquiries posted on the CRP listserv
- Assist in the design and execution of continuing legal education courses, including as a presenter, to/for children's attorneys & other system partners
- Support the CRP's child welfare and juvenile court system improvement efforts consistent with OCLA's focus on reducing disparate adverse outcomes for children/youth who are negatively impacted by social, cultural, racial, ability-based practices and biases
- Participate as the agency representative in a number of statewide committees and workgroups in the field of child welfare

Assistant Public Defender
Spokane County, Public Defender's Office
Spokane, Washington
August 2014 – September 2023

- Represented children/youth in dependency and termination matters (2017-2023)
- Represented parents in dependency and termination matters (2014-2017)

Associate Attorney, Personal Injury
Newton & Hall (formerly James Newton, Attorney at Law, PLLC)
Kent, Washington
November 2012 - July 2014

- Advised & represented plaintiffs in civil litigation

Paralegal, Personal Injury
Timothy B. Nodland, P.S.
Spokane, Washington
August 2011 - November 2012

- Assisted in all aspects of the representation of plaintiffs in civil litigation

Rule 9 Intern
Spokane County, Public Defender's Office
Spokane, Washington
December 2010 - May 2011

- Assisted in all aspects of the representation of At-Risk Youth on a juvenile civil docket under the supervision of Dave Carter

Legal Assistant & Rule 9 Intern
Phillip Wetzel, Attorney and Counselor at Law
Spokane, Washington
July 2009 - January 2011

- Assisted in all aspects of the representation of criminal defendants