

**July 19, 2024**

**Washington State Supreme Court  
PO Box 40929  
Olympia, WA 98504-0929  
RE: Public Defender**

**Hello Justices,**

**As a frequent user and participant in the legal system as a whole, I feel that I am qualified to give good opinions on the public defender issues you are addressing.**

**Most of your public defenders start out on the lower end of the justice totem pole and are part of the same legal tree as the judges, they present arguments too. While I believe they are certainly more capable than most people off the street, they are still a part of the same legal tree. It has been argued by many defendants that many public defenders have provided questionable care and due diligence in their defense.**

**I believe the modern-day public defender positions need to be replaced by a separate elected office within the County. The title should be along the lines of County Public Solicitor General. In a Public Solicitor General format, the people could elect persons from their community whom they feel represent the people and are not connected to the "system."**

**There are many qualified Public Solicitor General's in our midst. People like me who have demonstrated a history of opposing government policy with fervor. People like Arthur West, Glen Morgan, Tim Eyman are perfect examples of the types of Public Solicitor General candidates.**

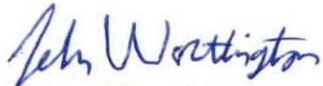
**Washington State needs legal offices that are separate from the "system" and manned by clear government accountability gadflies. Sure, Washington State government, especially Democrat party members, hate the gadfly's annoying existence, but that's what makes the Public Solicitor General format work.**

**Armed with qualified paralegals, and Limited Practice Officers, a Public Solicitor General could provide ample constitutional representation for persons charged with crimes. Maybe a few qualified civil cases.**

The Public Solicitor General's Office would create an appearance of fairness and provide another legal path for persons seeking legal careers that would not be blocked by old grudges and political punishments for "system" bucking.

Please consider reopening the LPO program and the cost effectiveness of the Public Solicitor General format.

Thanks

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