

Clark County, Washington's Indigent Defense Program
Client Complaint Form

Clark County generally contracts with attorneys and law firms to provide legal representation in cases eligible for county-paid defense. The County's goal is to provide quality legal representation to those who qualify for indigent defense services. If you are represented by a court-appointed attorney and have a concern or complaint about your attorney, please fill out this form and mail it to:

Ann Christian
Clark County Indigent Defense Coordinator
PO Box 5000
Vancouver, WA 98666-5000

Ms. Christian will review your concern or complaint and attempt to informally resolve the issue(s). Most concerns or complaints can be resolved in this fashion. You are encouraged to first discuss your concerns with your current court-appointed attorney to try to resolve the issue(s). If you wish to request that a *new* court-appointed attorney be assigned, you must request that the judge in your case relieve your current attorney and appoint a new attorney. You may request a new attorney be appointed at your next court appearance or by writing a letter to the judge assigned to your case.

PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT YOU.

Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial	Daytime Phone	Evening Phone
Street Address	City, State and Zip Code	Email Address
Case Number(s)	Appointed Attorney's Name	Next Court Date (if known)

Generally, we will need to speak with your attorney regarding your concern or complaint to see if we can resolve the situation. And, generally, we will need to provide your attorney with a copy of this complaint form so your attorney will be able to understand your concerns. We will *not* discuss things with your attorney that might be confidential due to attorney-client privilege without your written consent. If you do *not* want us to contact your attorney, please indicate below that you do not want your attorney to be contacted and the reason why.

PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CONCERN OR COMPLAINT. Please be as specific as possible and attach additional pages if needed. You may also attach copies of papers relating to your concern or complaint (do not attach originals).

HAVE YOU TRIED TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE IN ANY OTHER WAY?

Have you discussed this problem with your attorney? Yes or No (circle one)

If yes, describe what occurred. If no, please let us know why you have not discussed the issue with your attorney. _____

Have you contacted anyone else about your concerns? Yes or No (circle one)

If yes, please list the person or agency you contacted and the result of your contact. _____

WHAT DO YOU THINK NEEDS TO HAPPEN? Be as specific as you can (you can attach additional pages if needed). _____

If your concern or complaint is time-sensitive (needing a response within less than five business days), please contact Ann Christian at (360) 397-2256 or ann.christian@clark.wa.gov.

Indigent Defense Mission: To ensure effective and cost-efficient legal representation is available to persons who are eligible for appointed counsel, consistent with the Washington and United States Constitutions, laws and national standards of justice.