

Washington State Bar Association,

My name is SarahAnne Jahns, and I am a Juvenile Prosecutor for Kitsap County. I am writing this letter in support of Mr. Ortiz's application for the Young Lawyer Position at the Washington State Bar Association.

I have known Mr. Ortiz for a couple of months now as a colleague. Mr. Ortiz currently works in our District and Municipal Court Division. Although I have not known Mr. Ortiz for very long, he has shown a great interest in serving our local community. Recently, Mr. Ortiz and I participated in Career Day at Cedar Heights Middle School in Port Orchard. We were invited to come to the school and present to the children what we do. Mr. Ortiz and I created a presentation and a group activity for the kids. Our group activity consisted of a mini mock trial for the kids to act out. There were props and scripts involved.

From the beginning, Mr. Ortiz was very hands on with the mock trial. He helped organize where the kids needed to stand and directed them on what to do. He made it fun for the kids by acting out the part as judge. The kids loved how goofy he was!

Through this experience, Mr. Ortiz gave the kids confidence to participate by helping them read and understand their scripts. Mr. Ortiz was incredibly kind, patient, and listened to them. Especially, when a child became embarrassed because he could not read his lines.

The kids looked up to Mr. Ortiz and asked him several questions about his profession. A few of the kids even said they wanted to be lawyers when they get older. Mr. Ortiz has made a lasting impact on those kids by getting them to start thinking about what they want to do when they become adults.

The person who fills the Young Lawyer Position should be a person that not only helps our bar community, but also works with the local communities. Therefore, I am in strong support of Mr. Ortiz's application for the Young Lawyer Position at the Washington State Bar Association.

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