

JEFFREY BENNETT ADAMS

EDUCATION

Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane, Washington. Juris Doctor.	2008
Eastern Washington University, Spokane, Washington. Master of Business Administration.	2011
Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington. Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, History major, Philosophy minor.	2005

EXPERIENCE

Training Coordinator , Washington State Office of Civil Legal Aid The Office of Civil Legal Aid (OCLA) administers the Children's Representation Program (CRP). Work includes developing, coordinating, and managing standards-based training for independent contractors representing children in dependency actions.	2023 – present
Attorney , Smith & Adams P.S. Work included representing clients involved in juvenile dependency cases with an emphasis in ICWA and Washington Indian Child Welfare Act, through a contract with the Washington State Office of Public Defense, child in need of service, at risk youth, guardianship, administrative appeals, and probate. Experience includes extensive negotiation, briefing, motion, and trial practice.	2010 – 2022
Commissioner Pro-Tempore , Spokane County.	2019 – present
Adjunct Professor , Eastern Washington University.	2011 – 2019
Extra Help Attorney , Spokane County Public Defender's Office.	2010
Associate Attorney , Action Legal Group, PLLC.	2009

MEMBERSHIPS

• Child Welfare Law Specialist certification	2023 – present
• Washington State Bar Association.	2008 – present
• Spokane County Bar Association.	2023 – present 2008 – 2010

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Director, Chair , Friends of KSPS Public Television. Spokane.	2017 – 2023
Member , EWU Business & Marketing Edu. Advisory Committee. Advisory committee for Plan 1 and Plan 2.	2015 – 2022

Director, Treasurer, Spokane Fantasy Flight Spokane. 2013 – 2016

Director, Captain, SpokeFest Association. Spokane. 2010 – 2012

PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

Adams, J., Chaput, M., Comeau, M., Vogel, L., & Wayno, C. (2023) Live from WA: Panel Review of Recent Legislative and Case Law Changes. Tacoma, Washington.

Adams, J. (2023) Child Representation Standards. Webinar.

Adams, J., Backlund, J., Lewis, C., Mortensen, C., & Peterson, D. (2022) Elevating, Assuring, and Demanding ICWA. Washington State Office of Public Defense. Wenatchee, Washington.

Adams, J. (2022) ICWA and WICWA Practice Update 2022. Washington State Office of Civil Legal Aid. Ephrata, Washington.

Adams, J., Lewis, C., Spilca, N. (2022) Elevating, Assuring and Demanding ICWA. ABA National Conference on Parent Representation. Tysons Corner, Virginia.

Adams, J., & Smith, L. (2021) CPS Investigations and the Ramifications of a Finding of “Founded.” Presented by L. Craig Cary at the Spokane County Bar Association. Spokane, Washington.

Adams, J., & Smith, L. (2017) Navigating the Legal System from Child Custody to CPS. Engaging Fatherhood Conference. Spokane, Washington.

Adams, J., Anderson, R., Donohue, P., Seignemarten, W., Smith, L., & Stallings, B. (2016) The Role of Professionalism Between Members of a Multidisciplinary Team within the Adversarial System. Children’s Justice Conference. Spokane, Washington.

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Juvenile Law Section Executive Committee
Washington State Bar Association

Dear Committee:

Please accept my application for the recently advertised Legislative Committee Co-Director. My passion, commitment, and ambition, both personally and professionally, is grounded in servant leadership and driven by a desire to ensure equal access to justice and the opportunity. I am interested continuing to serve in the role of the Legislative Committee Co-Director for the juvenile law section.

I would like to thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey B. Adams