

**WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE TREATMENT
OF SEXUAL ABUSERS
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
3.19.2021
LOCATION: VIRTUAL MEETING VIA GOTOMEETING
12:00-2:00 P.M.**

Attendees

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| Walter Cardona | Buck Huber |
| Brian Judd | Theresa Engdahl |
| Olivia Charles | Julia Crabbe |
| Dominic Winter | James Manley |
| Julia Newbold | Christina Woolery |
| Clark Ashworth | Holly Coryell |
| Lisa Trifiletti | Kelly Sullivan |
| Mark Ferraz | Jay Williamson |
| Taylor Johnson | Corey McNally |
| David Flynn | Paul Douhan |
| Gary Rink | Patricia Crockett |
| Linda Paxton | Melissa Hernandez |
| Kevin Lambe | Michael O'Connell |
| Minna Kokko | Priscilla Hannon |
| Rick Ackerman | Dan Yanisch |
| Dan Knoepfler | Dan DeWaelche |
| Jenny Sheridan | Julie Johnson |
| Alina Shaw | Brandon Duncan |
| Julie Crest | Karen Feller |
| Michael DiGuilio | Marcus Miller |
| Vincent Gollogly | Rachael Sahi |
| Lissa Treadway | Jennifer Williams |

Presentation

Topic: Working with LRA Clients

Presenters: Sonja Hardenbook, Josh Choate, Devon Gibbs, & Jennifer Ritchie

Sonja Hardenbrook earned her undergraduate from Pacific Lutheran University, her masters at New Mexico State University, she graduated from the UW School of Law in 2004 with a juris doctorate. Sonja has worked at the Snohomish County Public Defender Association since 2003, doing rotations in the misdemeanor and felony units as well as serving for two years as supervisor of the district court unit. In 2013 she began RCW 71.09 work where she carries a full caseload of precommit, post commit, and conditional release clients. She won the Presidents Award from Washington Defender Association for her 71.09 work, is involved in legislative reform of RCW 71.09, and is currently the defense representative on the Sex Offender Treatment Provider Committee.

Josh Choate is the Section Chief of the Sexually Violent Predator Prosecution Unit at the Attorney General's Office. He prosecuted SVP cases from 2006 through 2012 and was promoted to Team Leader in 2010. Josh took a break from prosecution to work for the AGO's Torts Division where he defended the State against a wide variety of claims. He was invited to return to the Criminal Justice Division in 2014 to establish the office's first Environmental Crime Unit, which has since grown into its own division within the office (Counsel for Environmental Protection). Josh was appointed to SVP Section Chief in 2019 where he supervises 14 AAGs and oversees SVP prosecutions in 38 of the 39 Washington Counties.

Devon Gibbs is a Senior Attorney in the Sex Offender Commitment unit of The Defender Association Division of the King County Department of Public Defense. Devon has worked with clients under the sexually violent predator civil commitment law since 2009 and has conducted several trainings in this area of law. She obtained her JD from Seattle University School of Law. She is an affiliate member of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers and WATSA.

Jennifer Ritchie is a Senior Deputy Prosecutor with the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. She has been with the Prosecutor's Office just short of 27 years, and currently serves as the Unit Chair of the Sexually Violent

Predator Unit. In addition to working at the PAO, Jennifer teaches trial advocacy and is a guest lecturer at the University of Washington School of Law and is a frequent presenter at national and international conferences in the areas of both civil and criminal law. She is an active member of Washington Women Lawyers and currently serves as a Commissioner on the Washington State Supreme Court Gender and Justice Commission. As well, she volunteers in the Washington Survivor Reentry Program, helping sexually-trafficked women vacate prostitution convictions. In addition, she is a volunteer attorney with the Alliance for International Women's Rights where she tutors Afghan women lawyers and judges. Jennifer also serves as the Board Chair for the Anti-Defamation League for the five-state Pacific Northwest Region.

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