



City Manager's Office
Public Defense Program

Indigent Defense Program Client Complaint Form

The City of Vancouver generally contracts with attorneys and law firms to provide legal representation in cases eligible for city-paid defense. The City'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 return it to:

Katherine Kelly
City Manager's Office
P.O. Box 1995
Vancouver, WA 98668
publicdefense@cityofvancouver.us

We 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.

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 call (360) 487-8600.

