

How To Get Help

Self-refer to:

- 415.572.3803
- JASP@courts.wa.gov for general inquires only
- Contact JASP peer counselor or committee member.

Third Party Referrals:

- Referrals are also accepted from peers, co-workers, family or other concerned parties.
- 415.572.3803
- JASP@courts.wa.gov

If in crisis, call 911

What to Expect

When a call or e-mail comes to JASP the Clinical Consultant will contact the caller as soon as possible. If you contact a peer counselor or committee member the information is given to the Clinical Consultant who will initiate contact.

If you self-refer the Clinical Consultant will work with you directly and confidentially to determine a course of action. This may include assignment of a peer counselor, a mental health referral, or sessions with the Clinical Consultant.

If assigned a peer counselor they will contact you and make themselves available to discuss issues with you.



Dr. Susanna N. Kanther
PsyD., M.S., C.A.M..F.

Licensed Clinical Health
Psychologist

JASP: Established to prevent or alleviate problems before they jeopardize a judicial officer's career.

415.572.3803
JASP@courts.wa.gov



Judicial Assistance Services

***Professional, Confidential,
Quality Assistance***

415-572-3803
JASP@courts.wa.gov

What is JASP?

Judicial Assistance Services Program (JASP) was created in 2004 by a committee of Washington State judges exploring how to get judicial officers confidential help and intervention when they need it. Because of their unique positions and responsibilities, judges often find themselves with limited avenues for help.

JASP is modeled after the Washington State Bar Association's Lawyers Assistance Program. JASP offers help from trained judicial officers, at no cost, and referral to confidential professional help.

Confidentiality

All referrals to, and contacts with, the Judicial Assistance Services Program are confidential. DRJ 14(e) states that conversations between peer counselors and judicial officers "shall be privileged against disclosure without the consent of the judicial officers to the same extent as confidential communication between a client and psychologist."

Services

- Referral
- Peer Counseling
- Professional Counseling
- Consultation
- Follow-up
- Deliver education courses

"We shouldn't lose good people from the bench because of a lack of help."

—King County District Court Judge Charles Delarenti II (retired)



Frequently Asked Questions

Q. If I refer a colleague, will he/she know it was me who called?

A: No. JASP will not identify the source of a referral.

Q. I have concerns about the judge I work for but I am not sure if there is a problem or what I can do to help.

A: JASP will assist court staff who call with concerns about a judicial officer. We can help you to identify problems and suggest possible approaches for addressing them.

Q. I do not want the Commission on Judicial Conduct involved. Does JASP report to the CJC?

A: No. All referrals to or contacts with JASP are confidential. JASP has no relationship with the CJC and does not report contacts to the CJC.

Q. When I call 415.572.3803 or email JASP@courts.wa.gov, who will I be talking to?

A: Emails and phone calls to JASP go to the JASP Clinical Consultant who consults with the JASP Chair.

415.572.3803
JASP@courts.wa.gov