

Position Description

The Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys has an opening for a Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP). The TSRP works collaboratively with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission, other Washington TSRPs, and TSRPs around the nation implementing strategies aimed at reducing alcohol and drugged driving injuries and deaths, as detailed in the Washington Strategic Highway Safety Plan: Target Zero.

Job Responsibilities

While this position involves significant in-state travel as well as virtual attendance for training, meetings, and conferences, the position will be based in Olympia. The TSRP serves as subject matter expert on impaired driving for prosecutors, law enforcement, judges, hearing examiners, legislators, and government agencies across Washington state, and nationally. The TSRP provides training on impaired driving detection and investigation, the impairing effects of drugs, statutes and administrative rules, judicial opinions, court room procedure, legal strategy, legal and practical skills, technical issues, and many other impaired driving topics to improve the knowledge and skills of participants. The individual selected will be involved in planning and conducting WAPA trainings. Additional training will involve travel to police departments and prosecutor's offices across Washington state. The TSRP also conducts online training and assistance, when needed. The TSRP will also collaborate with the Washington State Patrol, and other law enforcement agencies for statewide law enforcement training.

The TSRP will also regularly provide legal analysis, case updates, advisories, and general guidance on impaired driving topics. This is done by creating and maintaining content for the Washington TSRP website, collaborating with other TSRPs to publish the quarterly TSRP Newsletter, writing and updating Guide documents, and publishing articles/videos. The TSRP may also testify before the Washington House and Senate and participate in legislative work sessions during the legislative process.

The person selected for this role maintains their legal skills by assisting in prosecuting impaired driving cases statewide. The TSRP primarily assists in impaired driving cases of regional and statewide interest. This includes legal research, brief writing, legal strategy, witness preparation, courtroom advocacy, sentencing, and post-trial duties, including appeals.

Technical Assistance—Prosecutors and law enforcement rely upon the TSRP for timely assistance on both mundane and complex legal issues. Queries arrive daily by email, text, and phone and often allow limited research before a timely reply. Other requests may occur during a hasty courtroom recess, at a roadside investigation at any hour of the day or night, or during preparation of a search warrant. The TSRP will also regularly work with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission staff on impaired driving policy and issues, with legislators and staff on impaired driving laws, and with other stakeholders. The TSRP is expected to manage these requests, assist, and look for opportunities to provide broader training and education.

Ongoing learning is critical to be successful in this role. TSRP grant funds support training at numerous impaired driving trainings programs offered in Washington and elsewhere. The TSRP is expected to expand their understanding of the state and national network of impaired driving resources by attending relevant local, state, and national meetings, such as roll-calls, the Washington Impaired Driving Advisory Committee, and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Qualifications

This position requires:

Membership in good standing with the Washington State Bar Association, or ability to complete the process of obtaining membership within 30 days of offer of employment. The TSRP must be and remain a member in good standing of the Washington State Bar Association.

Desired skills:

This TSRP position is designed to accommodate a wide range of skill sets, with the ideal candidate demonstrating time-tested courtroom ability and a solid background in prosecuting impaired driving cases in either courts of limited jurisdiction or felony courts. The ideal candidate should have excellent legal skills as demonstrated by prior briefs, memos, and appeals. The TSRP is expected to work independently to accomplish Washington's traffic safety goals, while effectively working as part of a much larger team.

Salary and Benefits:

Salary: \$110 - \$135,000 annually

WAPA offers a comprehensive benefits package including vacation, holiday, and sick leave as well as medical, dental, vision, and life insurance for employees and their dependents.

Application:

Submit a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to Amber Haslett-Kern at amberhaslett@waprosecutors.org, or by mail at 206 10th Avenue SE, Olympia, WA 98501.