

**To Whom It May Concern:**

I've had a *Public Defender* sitting across from me, he was an elder. He told me regarding my defense- I cannot afford to investigate your case, where am I going to get the money. At the time, I was being treated for anxiety and was experiencing its brutal attack symptoms for the first time in my life. Those are no joke. I did not comprehend correctly what that meant for me. I didn't think that he wasn't going to do anything like that. I had witnesses to question, a mess to sort out on the stand since the parties would not communicate properly. The problem could have been sorted out before I was arrested, and after as well and I was trying to get us all together just for that. I had a month's timeline to go over on who did what, why, how, etc. And I was going to be able to take it to the day, on the spot. Everyone would have been shown accountable for each mistake and affiliation to the problems. Things would have been shown with peace and I would not have made people feel or demonstrated the agency and management incompetence, that was how I hoped anyway. It has not happened yet.

The *Public Defender* has to? Tell his boss(s) that he didn't say that? There goes the Sacred Oath. The next oversight then supports his word against the civilians? And this indirectly involves the violation of more Oath(s)? The problem is that of evil perhaps?

Our people have to violate Oaths and it's a spiritual degradation. In turn, the citizen(s) then are on the weaker side of "Law" and this kind of problem has built much "Hate" in so many of us. Hate then is turned towards the "THEM" kind of issues. Who is them???

Not cool, not good at all. I have another example of this spiritual kind of public social degradation if you would want to hear another one. It's ungodly and odd, but it's an in our facer, for sure. Oregon Justice Restoration, Oregon Justice Reform 2022-2030, Let's get it done. If we add some tears down lady justices cheeks it will send a great message to our people that keeps us informed and involved.

Freedom, you can take it out, With Liberty you can remove that too. With Justice, Justice can stand alone and make the others or break them. Strong Justice means less corruption. The Justice system holds the (*LAOTL*). The long arm of the law. It will never ever be gone from us. We are the USA- We the people by the people, who is this they?

Sincerely,

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**Oregon's overburdened public defender system is 'buckling before our eyes' By Debra Cassens Weiss**

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**The public defender system in Oregon is so overburdened that several hundred defendants don't have legal representation at any given time.**

**Some judges have dismissed cases, and some have threatened to hold the state public defenders office in contempt for failing to provide lawyers for indigent defendants, the Associated Press reports.**

**Kelly Simon, legal director for the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon, told the AP that the group hasn't ruled out litigation. The system is "buckling before our eyes," Simon said.**

**The public defender system in Oregon is the only one in the nation that relies entirely on contracted services to provide representation, according to the AP. The state contracts with nonprofit defense firms, groups of lawyers or independent attorneys.**

**But there aren't enough lawyers available amid a post-pandemic onslaught of cases. Some nonprofit firms are refusing to take new cases because of high workloads, and some private attorneys are turning down work because of low pay, late payments and too much work.**

**At current caseloads, the Oregon Office of Public Defense Services needs another 1,296 full-time equivalent defense lawyers, according to a January report by the ABA Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defense, prepared with Moss Adams.**

**To provide effective assistance of counsel currently, all 592 contract public defense attorneys in Oregon would have to work 26.6 hours per working day to provide effective assistance of counsel, the report said.**

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