



Our Team

The JLRC is staffed by the Juvenile Rights Project's two most experienced attorneys and draws upon the time, talents and expertise of all of the JRP staff. This approach expands our services into areas of the law in which one of our staff attorneys has a particular expertise, such as parents' due process rights in the special education context, immigration law, appeals etc. In addition to JRP staff, the JLRC is pleased to have two pro bono attorney volunteers and a law clerk.

Angela Sherbo began representing parents in dependency and termination cases in Hazard, Kentucky in 1977. She represented the foster parents in *Timmy S. v Stumbo*, 537 F. Supp. 39 (E.D. Ky. 1981) (due process requires notice and an opportunity to be heard before the state can terminate a foster care certification); the parents in *Ernie S. et al. v Billy Wilson et al.*, No. 81-121 (E.D.Ky. 1981) (defendant class action against all Kentucky juvenile judges holding that the United States Constitution requires that parents be given a hearing before, or shortly after, the state seizes their child); and the mother in *N.S. v C and M.S.*, 642 S.W.2d 589 (Ky 1982) (termination of parental rights cases must be proved by clear and convincing evidence). In Oregon, she was the appellate lawyer in *State ex rel. Juv. Dept. v Grannis*, 67 Or App 565 (1984) (parents have due process right to counsel in dependency cases on a "case by case basis") and in *State ex rel. Juv. Dept. v Geist*, 310 Or 176 (1990) (parents in a termination cases have the right to adequate assistance of counsel). In addition to her work at JRP, Ms. Sherbo is assisting OPDS to establish a juvenile appellate unit focusing on representing parents.

Julie H. McFarlane is one of the JRP founders and now shares with Ms. Sherbo the job of supervising its attorneys. Ms. McFarlane has represented thousands of children in delinquency cases, and children and parents in abuse and neglect, termination of parental rights and miscellaneous juvenile cases for the past 30 years. She has been a leader in juvenile law reform through numerous pieces of legislation, class action litigation, public advocacy and training. She has been one of the editors of the OSB's Juvenile Law CLE for the 1995 and 2007 editions. She helped develop and later revise the Oregon State Bar Attorney Performance Standards for representation in juvenile court. Her efforts led to child welfare reform, improved legislative and educational advocacy programs, and a legal Helpline at JRP. Julie is a member of the Oregon Law Commission.

Dover Norris-York is a JRP pro bono attorney. She has a Master's degree in Counseling and Social Psychology in addition to her law degree. Most recently, she worked as a paralegal at the Federal Public Defender office. She has also clerked for the Oregon Court of Appeals and was an associate of the Lindsay Hart law firm. She is committed to helping parents navigate the juvenile court system, having become passionate about the issue after adopting twice from DHS and forming relationships with the birth families.

Jennifer Pike is a JRP pro bono attorney. She obtained her law degree from University of Washington School of Law. Before law school, she volunteered as a Court Appointed Special Advocate and, during law school, she was a member of the school's child advocacy clinic. She also worked at the King County Bar Association, focusing on third party custody issues, and she externed at JRP. Ms. Pike is an associate at Ball Janik LLP, focusing her practice in the firm's land use and employment departments.

Noah Barish, a third year student at the University of Washington, is the JLRC's first law clerk. Noah graduated from Stanford University in 2004. He has worked as a: health advocacy fellow at the Medicare Rights Center in New York City; paralegal at the Office of the Public Defender in San Francisco; intake counselor at the Bay Area PoliceWatch in Oakland; law student advocate at the Immigrant Families Advocacy Project in Seattle; and legal extern for a U.S. magistrate in Portland.