

# Melissa Parker

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## Education

*Willamette University College of Law, Salem, OR* *J.D.,* *2009*

- Phi Alpha Delta fraternity; Women's Law Caucus: Board Member, Street Law: Treasurer
- Finalist, Don Turner Criminal Trial Competition
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Paper—Criminal Jurisdiction in Indian Country: *An Analysis of Federal, State and Tribal Jurisdiction on In-Lieu Fishing Sites on the Columbia River*

*University of Washington, Seattle, WA* *B.A. Communication* *2004*

- International Communication – Rome Program, January to March 2004
- Opinion Editor, Staff Writer, *The Daily* student newspaper

## Employment

*Monmouth Municipal Court, Judge Pro Tempore* *August, 2018* — *Present*

- Preside over trials, hearings, other court appearances as needed.
- To date: presided over one DUII jury trial in August, 2018.

*Parker Law, P.C., Salem, OR, President* *January, 2011* — *Present*

- Monmouth Municipal Court – Specialty Docket: Collaborate with judge and city attorney regarding ongoing cases and appropriate outcomes for group home clients and clients with special needs.
- Investigate cases and file motions using OJCIN and eCourt resources.
- Communicate with clients, opposing counsel, and courts regarding domestic relations, criminal defense, and other civil matters.
- Evaluate discovery and manage investigation to develop case strategy with clients.
- Recommend and advise clients regarding case plan, potential outcomes, and possible options regarding their cases.
- Develop trial and negotiation strategies by applying the facts of each case to applicable laws and case precedent to achieve desirable outcome for clients.
- Research and write motions, memoranda of law, and professional correspondence on behalf of clients.
- Represent clients in jury and court trials in both criminal and domestic relations matters.
- Manage and operate solo law practice; including instructing and directing staff, managing calendar, and organizing files and client information.
- Marion County Association of Defenders – Member since April 2016
  - Workgroup Leader – collaborate with other leaders regarding issues within the membership and advise Board of Directors of potential improvements to the organization.
  - Specialty court representative for Resiliency Court and Veterans Court (2019-2022) – collaborate with treatment team members to effectively assist participants in navigating programs and utilizing resources.
  - Board Treasurer

*Law Office of Gordon L. Dick, Salem, OR, Paralegal* *October 2009* — *2011*

- Researched legal issues and wrote memoranda of law for supervising attorney.
- Communicated with clients and supervising attorney regarding the progress and strategy of cases.
- Evaluated discovery to develop negotiation strategies in domestic relations cases.
- Prepared exhibits for trial in accordance with uniform trial court rules and rules of evidence.

*Marion County DA's Office, Salem, OR, **Certified Law Clerk**      2007 — 2009*

- Represented the State of Oregon in jury and court trials and hearings.
- Evaluated expungement applications in accordance with applicable law to determine the state's position.
- Prepared and presented expungement CLE to Marion County Association of Defenders.
- Researched and wrote motions and responses based on evidence, precedent, and trial strategy.

*Willamette University College of Law, **Adjunct Professor**      2014 – 2018*

- Developed curriculum for two new classes as part of the International LL.M. program
- Instructed international LL.M. students through legal research and writing and application of common law precedents.
- Evaluated written coursework as well as oral presentations and arguments.

*Mid-Valley Literacy Center, **President, Board of Directors**      2013 – 2018*

- Lead the board in decision-making to develop the future growth and success of the organization.
- Coordinated development of long-term strategic plans for the nonprofit.
- Guided the board through expansion and relocation of the organization.
- Oversaw the sustainability and impact of the organization through community outreach and fundraising.

*Memberships:*

- Willamette Valley Inns of Court – Immediate Past President 2022-23
- Marion County Bar Association – President 2021-22
- Multnomah County Bar Association – 2019 – present
- Oregon Women Lawyers, Mary Leonard Chapter – Board member 2019-2020
- Mid-Willamette Valley Court Care – MCBA liaison 2018 – 2020
- Mid-Valley Literacy Center – Advisory Board Member 2018 – present

*References*

Available upon request