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**Subject:**[CCBA] Public Defense Coordinator for Clallam County District Courts I & II

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**To:**clallam-county-bar-association@googlegroups.com

Dear CCBA Members,

The following message is from Clallam County Commissioner Jim Jones:

As you may have heard, the Clallam County Board of Commissioners has determined that we want to go a different direction with our Indigent Defense Services in District Court, when our current contract with the Clallam Public Defenders expires on 12/31/2017. To that end, I have been instructed to develop a new model based upon us contracting with a Public Defense Coordinator who will, in turn, manage the contracts of a list of qualified, private attorneys who can provide high quality public defense work for all eligible, Indigent Defendants that would come before our District Courts, starting 1/1/2018. To that end, I am very interested in talking with anyone who has ideas about how best to set up such a model in Clallam County, and also anyone who might be interested in taking on the Public Defense Coordinator position once it is a little more fleshed out. Please let your members know about this opportunity, and share with them my E-Mail address (jjones@co.clallam.wa.us) and phone number (360-417-2235), if they are interested in offering their thoughts. I am hoping to update my Board in their Work Session on Monday, October 16, 2017, so time is extremely short. Thank you,

Jim Jones, Jr.

Clallam County Administrator

360-417-2235