



Attorney's Needed to Volunteer as Judges

The Greater Gresham Area Prevention Program is creating a Peer Court for Gresham, Troutdale, Wood Village and Fairview. We are working with the four cities, local police departments, schools, and the juvenile justice department.

The Four Cities Peer Court is a community partnership for restorative justice that involves supports, educates and holds youth accountable in their communities. The goals of the project are to keep youth in school, support drug/alcohol free youth, deter high-risk behavior, and provide education about the legal system.

The program will be recruiting students from Reynolds, Gresham Barlow and Centennial high schools to volunteer as bailiffs, trial clerks, and prosecuting and defending attorneys. **We need attorneys who are licensed to practice in Oregon to serve as volunteer judges in the Peer Court** (Starting Fall 2008) and to assist with the training of these students (Starting Spring 2008). Peer Court will operate at Fairview City Hall two days a week. Cases range from 30-45 min. with up to three cases occurring each day.

Exact times, dates and locations of trials and trainings will be scheduled in the local area at a later time. Future trainings and trials will either be held at Gresham City Hall or Fairview City Hall.

Some of the benefits of being involved include:

- Training and recognition for involvement in the court
- The ability to advertise your involvement
- Training of youth to be lawyers
- Benefits to the community through networking.
- Lower total cases tried in Juvenile Court and improve court efficiency
- Continuing Legal Education Credits?
- Certificates?

If this opportunity interests you, you can contact:

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