



Arkansas Justice Reform Coalition

Courtside Volunteer

Reports to: Program Director

Organization Impact:

- Support and observe individual's court proceedings at their request.
- Be the eyes and ears of AJRC inside the courtroom.

Position Function/Goals/Deadlines:

- Contact information will be added to a listserv that will receive assignments that can be accepted by the volunteer from the Program Director.

Time Commitment and Location of Work:

- Location and times will vary depending on the individual's requests. Courts anticipated to be served across the Northwest Arkansas region primarily in Benton & Washington counties.

Core Responsibilities

- Attend court proceedings with the flexibility to continue attending court with that individual as their case continues.
 - Provide client-centered support day of. This may mean going up with the individual in front of the judge or staying seated in the audience while the individual goes up, or could mean sitting with the person in a prosecutorial or defense discussion.
- When possible, take detailed notes on the proceeding making sure to adhere to all specific court policies and procedures as signed at the courthouse/courtroom.
- Submit any notes or observations that might need follow up to AJRC in a timely manner, targeting within 48 hours of court attendance.
- Be a witness and personal advocate for the individual.
- Maintain court decorum and do not interfere with court proceedings.
- **NEVER give legal advice.**

Qualifications/Requirements

- Must have attended training or reviewed recording and [slides](#) to participate with signing completion of training document.
- Commitment to the mission & vision of AJRC.
- Must be 18+ years old or have a parent/guardian alongside at the event.
- Ability to get to & from location necessary
- Ability to follow specific instructions from staff.