

Allison G. Jackson - Candidate for District Attorney

PROFESSIONAL WORK HISTORY:

THE HARLAND LAW FIRM, LLP

EUREKA, CALIFORNIA

Partner - October 2004-present

Civil Litigation: representing clients in diverse State and Federal civil matters including but not limited to land use, CEQA, employment law (both employer and employee), civil rights matters (plaintiff or defendant), eminent domain and inverse condemnation, fraud, contracts, corporate, construction, business law, government law and anti-slapp motions. Advise clients regarding course of action for litigation, draft complaints, answers, cross complaints, conduct discovery and all pretrial and trial matters, legal research.

Appellate : handle complex administrative records, research, draft and file briefs, responses and replies.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

EUREKA, CALIFORNIA

Deputy District Attorney April 1994-June 2004

Senior Trial Attorney and Lead prosecutor of Child Abuse Services Team: vertically reviewed and charged complex cases involving prolonged periods of child abuse, multiple victims, statute of limitations issues and repeat violent offenders. Extensive use and understanding of special allegations, conducted preliminary hearings, complex pretrial and trial motions, jury trials and sentencing. Specialized vertical caseload involved all sexual assault cases involving child, adult, the disabled and elderly along with cases involving child physical abuse and neglect, sexually violent predators, child pornography, computer crimes involving juvenile victims and sex offender registration violations. Advised and trained and guided law enforcement in diverse Child Abuse issues re: collection of evidence, forensic interviews, follow up investigations in all cases and policies in sex offender registration enforcement. Maintained and expanded policies, training and guidelines for state of the art multi-disciplinary child abuse team. Significant understanding of complex forensic interview issues for use during direct or cross examination of expert witnesses during both pretrial and trial phases of the case. Significant understanding of complex medical issues for use during direct or cross examination of expert witnesses regarding physical trauma in children and adults for use in both pretrial and trial phases of the case.

Humboldt County Sexual Assault Response Team, Chairperson from 1999 - 2004.

Humboldt County Child Abuse Services Team, Advisory Board Member from 1997 - 2004.

Participant on the Humboldt County Child Death Review Team.

Experienced Senior Trial Prosecutor in all serious felony cases from arraignment, bail hearing and preliminary hearing through trial and sentencing including but not limited to: homicide, attempted murder, robbery, arson, kidnapping, hate crimes, elder and dependent adult abuse, assault with deadly weapon, crimes where firearms were used, crimes where great bodily injury was inflicted, manslaughter, burglary, theft, fraud, drug cases, animal abuse. Significant knowledge in the review, charging and filing of all felony cases. Significant understanding and review of search warrants for approval and submission to the on call Judge. On call prosecutor for felonies and search warrants; Significant knowledge, understanding of development of all pretrial and trial motions in all felony cases including but not limited to: opposition to motions to suppress evidence, oppositions to motion to dismiss, opposition to motions to change venue, oppositions to Miranda and Massiah motions, motions to compel discovery, opposition to motion to recuse district attorney, opposition to writs of Habeas Corpus, and all evidentiary motions.

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA

July 1993- March 1994

Law and Motions: Drafted and argued legal briefs, including oppositions to motions to suppress evidence, motions to dismiss after preliminary hearing, opposition to motion for change of venue, opposition to motion to recuse and opposition to motion to quash search warrant;

Second chair, felony jury trials;

Legal research and analysis for charging decisions;

Presented evidence in court and argued motions.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

Legal Intern January 1991-April 1991

Assigned to Law and Motions Unit.

Reviewed pleadings, police reports and dispatch tapes.

Conducted legal research and drafted responsive pleadings to motions and writs.

Presented evidence in court and argued motions.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

SAN FRANCISCO AND SAN JOSE,

Legal Clerk June 1990-December 1991

Criminal Division. General prosecution of misdemeanors from filing of information through court trial;

Reviewed pleadings, police reports and dispatch tapes.

Conducted legal research and drafted responsive pleadings to motions and writs.

Presented evidence in court and argued motions before the Federal Magistrate.

TEACHING AND SEMINARS

Instructor - College of the Redwoods Police Academy:

Evidence, Sex Crimes, Child Abuse

CATTA - Child Abuse Training and Technical Assistance Center, Northern California

Legal Component for Multidisciplinary Team Approach for Interviewing Children (sponsored by the Department of Justice)

EDUCATION

Santa Clara University School of Law - JURIS DOCTOR, 1991

Santa Clara, California

Santa Clara Law Review: TECHNICAL EDITOR

San Francisco State University

San Francisco, California

1986-1988 Graduate Studies - Masters program

(Interdisciplinary Studies in the Social Sciences)

1982-1986 - BACHELOR OF ARTS (Magna Cum Laude)

Majors - Political Science, Interdisciplinary Studies in the Social Sciences - Criminal Justice

January 1984 -June 1988, Teaching Assistant - Criminal Justice Program Professor Sue Bessmer

September 1985 - June 1986 Research Assistant - Professor Peter Garabedian Department of Sociology in conjunction with the San Mateo District Attorney's Office, for "The Impact of Proposition 8 on Plea Bargaining in San Mateo County"

LICENSES

California State Bar, license number 157078

WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR OFFICE? WHAT GOALS DO YOU HAVE SHOULD YOU BE ELECTED?

To protect the rights of victims and their families.

To protect the rights of the accused.

To renew the focus on the prosecution of violent crimes.

To hold people fully accountable for the crimes they commit.

To de-politicize the office.

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY? PLEASE BE SPECIFIC.

For the first 10 ½ years that I lived in this community, I worked hard to protect the rights of the most vulnerable in our community: victims of violent crimes, hate crimes, sexual assault, abuse and neglect of children, abuse and neglect of the elderly and disabled, and abuse and neglect of animals. I worked with law enforcement to increase their skills in building cases so that those who did harm our most vulnerable could successfully be held accountable according to proof while at the same time I also vigorously protected the rights of the accused by clearly instructing and training officers and deputies who brought cases before me.

I served as the Chairperson of the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) from 1999-2004. This team was created to make sure that survivors of sexual assault were treated with dignity and in a forensically sound manner. I was an advisory board member of SART from 1997-1999. As chair of SART I worked hard to make sure children, teenagers, women and men who were victims of sexual assault were treated with human dignity and in a forensically appropriate manner by law enforcement and by medical practitioners.

I was an a strong supporter in bringing the “Tele-Med System” to St. Joseph’s Hospital in order for physicians which practice outside of Humboldt and who specialize in diagnosing and treating survivors of sexual assault, child abuse and neglect to review via closed circuit television cases in which our local physicians did not feel that they could adequately forensically diagnose both for treatment and for criminal investigative purposes.

I also was on the Child Abuse Services Team Advisory board from 1997 - 2004 helping to build and maintain a multi-disciplinary approach to investigating child abuse and neglect and expanded it to include all children who were witnesses of serious felonies in order to reduce the trauma to these children in being interviewed and to alleviate the problems inherent in all child interviews. This team was once a model in the state and I intend to see that it become that again.

For the past 5 plus years, I have volunteered as an Administrative Hearing Officer for the Humboldt County Animal Shelter.

For the past 5 plus years, I have represented on a pro-bono basis non-profit groups which exist solely to protect victims in our community including women and children who are victims of violence and sexual assault and groups advocating against animal abuse and neglect. Those groups can not be named because of client confidentiality.

For the past 5 plus years, I have represented numerous individuals on a pro-bono basis who were crime victims or were surviving family members of crime victims. Those individuals can not be named because of client confidentiality.

I currently sit as a member of the Board of Directors – Friends of Cal-Ore Fish. For close to thirty years two non-profit groups, Friends of The North Coast Fish, Inc.

(FNCF) and California and Oregon Fish Enhancement, Inc. (COFE), have successfully operated as charitable fundraisers in support and enhancement of salmon and steelhead in the Southern Oregon and Northern California regions. During their decades of operation, these two organizations have accomplished remarkable feats: Each has raised charitable monies in effective and similar ways; each has distributed those funds to common beneficial causes; and the leaders and members of each have continually and unselfishly given of themselves so that the fish population of the north coast could prosper and strengthen. Collectively, yet working separately, FNCF and COFE, through their patrons, have distributed grants over 2.14 million dollars.

RELEVANT PLATFORMS/ISSUES YOU SUPPORT

- Victim's rights.
- Holding people fully accountable for the crimes they commit according to proof and making sure that the punishment always fits the crime.
- Unfailing support and protection of the rights of the accused.
- Full public access to the District Attorney, the Deputy District Attorneys and The District Attorney's Office so that victims, their families, law enforcement, witnesses and the general public have information regarding cases charged and the disposition of those cases.
- Honest, transparent government.
- Treating all people with simple human dignity.
- Everyone in our democracy is entitled to equal protection under the law regardless of race, gender, ethnic identification, age, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, and/or socioeconomic status.
- Everyone has a right to live in a community, state and country that enables all to exercise their rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness
- Everyone has an inherent constitutional right to protection from invasion of privacy, by government or corporations.
- All levels of government must work diligently to see that no child, senior citizen or disabled person lives in poverty or is abused or neglected.

HOW DO YOU PLAN TO GET YOUR MESSAGE OUT TO THE VOTERS?

Grassroots efforts: Walking precincts, Neighborhood gatherings, phone-banking

Non-partisan and bi-partisan outreach

Community forums and debates
Interviews/press
Newspaper, Radio and TV ads, and direct mail pieces

LIST OF ENDORSERS: (partial list only as data entry is ongoing)

Sally Tanner – Assemblywoman, retired
Patricia Hofstetter – Judge, retired
Fifth District Humboldt County Supervisor Jill Duffy
HCDCC Fourth District Elected Representative Charlene Cutler-Ploss
McKinleyville Community Services Director Dennis Mayo
Humboldt Bay Conservation and Recreational District Commissioner and HDCC Fourth District Elected Representative Richard Marks
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District Director Bruce Rupp
Fortuna Mayor Pat Whitchurch
Northern Humboldt Union High School District Board Member Robin Marks
Ken Thraikill - Chief Trinidad Police Department
Paul Gosselin
Melanie Gosselin
Maryann Hayes-Mariani
Dick Johnson
Ken Quigley
Debra Quigley
Terri A Bittner
Darrell Bradley
Irene Bryant
Phillip Buihuer
Kriss Buihuer
Cassie Burgess
Melinda Ciabellini
Pete Ciabellini

Linda Dean

Susan Deschenes

Gail Dias

Mark Dias

Annette Downey

Walter Duffy

Roberta Duggan

Dennis Duggan

Bonnie DuMond

Frank R Dunnick

Matthew Eberhardt

Pat Falor

Mike Falor

Jeanne Gale

Ray Gauthier

T Diane Green

Paul Heagerty

Linda Hervey

Jack Hill

Carol Hill

Darrell Johnson

Kathy King

Dave Kitt

Diane Lonn

Karen Lovie

Charles Lucas

Jan Lucas

Aimee McGrew

Ray Miller

Arianna Miller

Sarah Miranda

Shannon Miranda

Matt Moore

Matt Morehouse

Heather Muller

Keith North

William Nova

Brian Paris

Carol Paris

Dean Paris

David Parris

Robert Parton

Kathy Philp

Ron Pierre

Jan Pierre

Sue Pitt

Judy Powers

Karen Quenell

Nathan Rushton

Lucy Ruud

Betty Sasaki

Michael C. Stephen

Amy Mendoza-Stover

Kym Thompson

Melanie Tolley

Gillian Wadsworth

David Walker

Vicki Walker

Barbara Walser

Bill Walser

Cathy Whitchurch

Dennis Young

Tammy Young

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE:

Campaign manager: Ron Pierre (former head of Catholic Charities)

Treasurer: Pat Whitchurch (Fortuna City Councilman)

Public relations: Nathan Rushton

General Committee Volunteers: Jill Duffy, Charlene Cutler-Ploss, Richard Marks, Jan Pierre, Ken Quigley

TYPE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT YOU HAVE AVAILABLE:

Entirely from donations from the community.

WILL YOU, THE CANDIDATE, AND YOUR SUPPORTERS ACTIVELY WORK TO GET ELECTED BY WALKING PRECINCTS, PHONING TO ID VOTERS, DOING DATA ENTRY INTO THE HCDCC DATABASE IN ORDER FOR US TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE NEEDED GET-OUT-THE-VOTE (GOTV) INFORMATION THAT YOU WILL THEN BE ABLE TO USE ON ELECTION DAY?

Yes, we will.