

## **THE CENTER FOR PUBLIC REPRESENTATION**

### Juvenile Justice Attorney

The Center for Public Representation is a public interest law firm which has been assisting people with disabilities, both in the community and in institutional settings, for over thirty-five years. Through its systemic advocacy over the past three decades, the Center has been a major force in promoting improvements in services for citizens with mental disabilities throughout the country. The Center is a national and state legal support center, providing technical assistance and support to disability rights programs in all fifty States, as well as to public and private attorneys who represent people with disabilities in the Commonwealth. For more information on the Center's programs and activities, see [www.centerforpublicrep.org](http://www.centerforpublicrep.org).

With a grant from the JEHT Foundation, the Center developed several juvenile justice initiatives in other States to prevent unnecessary incarceration and improve mental health services for youth in detention. Its grant was abruptly terminated when JEHT was forced to close as a result of the Bernard Madoff Ponzi scheme. The juvenile justice attorney will work with the Center's assistant director to develop and undertake up to three system reform initiatives in Massachusetts and two other States.