



METROPOLITAN PUBLIC DEFENDER MULTNOMAH COUNTY SECTION

Dear Client:

Welcome to START Court. The Court has appointed **Kasia Rutledge** and legal assistant **Karen Woods** of Metropolitan Public Defender (MPD) to represent you through your participation in START court. You can contact them at **(503) 225-9100**. **Please contact Karen to schedule an office visit.**

Your attorney will meet with you, advise you and answer your questions as you make your way through this program. Your attorney will be present at every court hearing and will be available to meet with you in our office. Your attorney will only give you legal advice about your options in your case. She will not make the final decisions. That will be your job.

You have been assigned to the START program after review and evaluation by the Department of Community Justice (the probation department). This program will offer you the opportunity to successfully complete your probation. You will work with the court, the district attorney, your probation officer, your treatment provider as well as your attorney as you journey through this program. Your treatment will be provided by VOA/In-Act.

Please contact us as soon as possible. We look forward to working with you through this process.

Sincerely,

Kasia Rutledge
Attorney at Law

Karen Woods
Legal Assistant