



Osborne's Court Advocacy Services (CAS) staff work with court-appointed defense attorneys to design and propose individualized release and sentencing plans for clients facing a conviction and a sentence that might include a term of incarceration. Our Mitigation Specialists use a clinical approach to conduct pre-pleading and pre-sentencing investigations of client backgrounds to ascertain mitigating circumstances, and provide in-depth assessments to the court to advocate for appropriate alternative sentencing options.

The individualized reports we prepare recommend plans that provide clients with the tools and resources to build secure and stable lives, including substance use disorder treatment, mental health counseling, education and job training skills, parenting classes and housing options. In addition, our Mitigation Specialists provide continued support and monitoring as clients work to complete the conditions of their plea.

## Program Features

- Intake and assessment of participants
- Advocacy, including mitigation reports and court appearances
- Service plan development and case management
- Referrals to education, training, healthcare, and other services based on the individual's needs
- Technical assistance to defense attorneys, judges, ADAs, and the courts
- Regular updates on client progress to the court and defense attorneys

## How to access CAS Services

CAS assistance is **free** to all court-appointed counsel in assigned cases. It is also free to retained counsel if proof of a client's indigence is established.

## To refer a client, attorneys can contact:

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