

# Jared Henry

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Jared has been a lifelong resident of Manistee County. Graduating from brethren High School in 2008, he went on to further his education at Central Michigan University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Law and Economics. He also attended the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law where he obtained his Juris Doctor's degree. In addition, Henry has studied abroad at Humboldt Berlin School of Law, achieving certificates of Advanced Study in Intercultural Alternative Dispute Resolution and Mediation

After passing the Michigan bar exam, he returned to Manistee County to start work as an Associate Attorney for the Law Office's of Krolczyk and Quinn where he accepted contract work to defend the indigent and the criminally accused. He later accepted a position as the first Attorney-Magistrate for the 85<sup>th</sup> District Court in Manistee where he presided over small claims hearings, civil infraction proceedings, and some criminal matters – to name a few. Henry has also served as the 85<sup>th</sup> District Court administrator, and he is co-founder of the Manistee County's 85<sup>th</sup> District Court Sobriety Court, where he initially served as project manager. He now serves in the Sobriety Court as a defense attorney.

Jared Henry has been selected as the first Chief Public Defender serving Manistee and Benzie counties' newly created Regional Public Defender's office. There he is implementing new standards, which include proper education and training of defense counsel, how and where public defenders handle initial interviews, procedures for conducting independent investigations and employing experts, and making sure defendants have counsel at all critical stages of legal proceedings. He has been in the position since March of 2019.