

## **Joanna Woolman**

**Executive Director Institute to Transform Child Protection**

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As executive director, Joanna provides system-wide training around trauma-informed practices. She leads the team at ITCP engaging in research and policy reform in the area of child protection. As a professor at Mitchell Hamline School of Law, she provides students with opportunities to gain practical experience through clinics and courses. When she isn't leading and training, Joanna researches, writes, and presents about women's experiences in the child protection and criminal justice systems.

### EDUCATION

J.D., 2004, University of San Francisco School of Law, San Francisco

B.S., Botany, Wildlife Ecology, 1998, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI

### EXPERIENCE

Joanna is a member of the Minnesota State Supreme Court Juvenile and Adoption Rules Committee and the American Bar Association Center on the Children and Law Parent Attorney Steering Committee. From 2011-2015, Joanna directed the Child Protection Clinic at Mitchell Hamline School of Law, providing direct representation to parents in the child protection system in Ramsey and Hennepin Counties. An associate professor at Mitchell Hamline School of Law, Joanna teaches Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, and Feminist Jurisprudence. Prior to teaching, she worked as a public defender in Minnesota.

### PUBLICATIONS & NEWS

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