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Julie Jonas completed her BA at the University of Minnesota. She attended the University of Minnesota Law School where she graduated *cum laude*. After law school her devotion to indigent defense and criminal justice led her to work for the Ramsey County Public Defender's Office. For eight years, she represented the poor and disenfranchised in misdemeanor and felony cases.

She has been the Managing Attorney for the Innocence Project of Minnesota for since 2003. In addition, she is an adjunct professor at the University of Minnesota, Hamline, William Mitchell and St. Thomas where she teaches the Wrongful Convictions. She also operates the Innocence Clinic at the University of Minnesota and supervises the Innocence Clinic at Hamline University School of Law. She is a regular presenter at CLEs.

In 2007, she won the release of Sherman Townsend from prison after he spent 10 years incarcerated for a crime he did not commit. In 2010, she was part of the defense team that won Koua Lee's release from prison after he spent nearly 3 years in prison for a crime he did not commit.