

**APPLICATION / REAPPLICATION FOR TITLE 11.130 ADULT GUARDIANSHIP /
COURT VISITOR REGISTRY
Guardianship / Conservatorship / Protective Arrangement**

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- ☐ Non-Attorney ☒ Attorney - WSBA or Washington State Certification No: 10597
- ☒ I am hereby applying to serve as a:
☒ Court Visitor (RCW 11.130.280)
☐ Attorney for Respondent/Person Subject to Guardianship (RCW 11.130.285)
☐ Special Agent / Complex Case Appointments (RCW 11.130.635)
☐ Emergency Guardian (RCW 11.130.320)
- ☒ I am willing to serve as a Title 11.130 Court Visitor at public expense.
- ☒ I have no pending investigations or action against me involving felony allegations, professional certification or license suspension and/or revocation.
- ☒ I agree to advise the court immediately in the event of any complaint, investigation or action being commenced which could lead to professional discipline, or the suspension or revocation of my professional license, or to the filing of criminal charges for felony or crime involving allegations of theft, dishonesty or moral turpitude.
- ☒ I have read and agree to be bound by the Kitsap County Superior Court Guardian ad Litem Registry Code of Conduct.

Summary of my experiences as a Guardian ad Litem/Court Visitor, including years of experience and number of appointments.

I have served as a GAL/Court Visitor for 20 years. I am currently on the Court Visitor registries for Kitsap, Jefferson, Clallam and King counties. I have been appointed to 336 cases.

Number of times serving as a Guardian ad Litem/Court Visitor that I have been removed for failure to perform my duties as a Guardian ad Litem/Court Visitor: None

- ☒ I have completed the 2-day model training program required by RCW 11.130.155 (or prior 2-day training under RCW 11.88) and have provided proof of the same with this application. ☒ Yes ☐ No

- ☐ I have NOT completed the model training program but will do so once the training becomes available. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Summary of my knowledge, training and experience in each of the following areas: Needs of impaired elderly people, physical disabilities, mental disabilities, developmental disabilities, substance use disorder; and other areas relevant to the needs of persons subject to guardianship or conservatorship, legal procedure, and the requirements of RCW 11.130.

See attached statement of qualifications

I include the following with my application (please check all applicable boxes):

- ☒ Curriculum vitae, showing work and professional or personal experience in or related to the field that would assist in the performance and completion of Guardian ad Litem/Court Visitor duties.
- ☒ Completed Washington State Patrol Conviction Criminal History.
- ☒ Signed release of information directed to all professional regulatory bodies which have licensed or supervised the applicant within the last ten years.
- ☐ Description of nature, status and outcome of any professional complaints, investigations or disciplinary actions, lawsuits or professional liability claims, and any order for removal of the Guardian ad Litem or Court Visitor prior to completion of the Guardian ad Litem/Court Visitor duties.
- ☐ Description of any claims or litigation that has been commenced, involving allegations of improper fee charges, charges of fraud, theft or other forms of dishonesty or professional malpractice or misconduct.
- ☒ Copy of fee schedule. [See KCLGALR 5(f)(3) re: private pay limits].
- ☐ Certificate of Qualification/Training for Guardian ad Litem/Court Visitor seeking appointment under RCW 11.130;

OR

- ☒ I am currently on the Guardian ad Litem/Court Visitor Registry and have included a certificate of updated training taken within the last year.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED this 4th day of June, 2025, at Bainbridge Is., Washington.


SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

PRINT NAME: ALBERT A. ABUAN

Please mail, deliver or email the completed application, with all attachments, to:

**ATTN: Court Administrator
Kitsap County Superior Court
614 Division Street, MS-24
Port Orchard, WA 98366
fmaiocco@co.kitsap.wa.us**

ALBERT A. ABUAN

cdrabuan@msn.com

Cell: 206.595.8614

ATTORNEY AT LAW

Multi-disciplinary experienced attorney with broad civilian and military experience. Twenty years of service to our country as judge advocate general; in domestic, foreign and deployed settings; providing legal services from trying felonies to writing wills. As a civilian attorney, served as a city attorney and currently in the guardianship field seeking to improve and protect our vulnerable incapacitated citizens.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Practice as court appointed guardian ad litem in over 204 cases involving incapacitated persons both young and old for 16 years for four counties.
- Acted as sole legal advisor to the City of Pacific and the Town of Ruston. Drafted legislation, dealt with employment issues and represented municipalities on land use issues.
- Established the Navy's first ever Trial Service regional hub with seven satellite offices resulting in successful provision prosecutorial and command services.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Albert A. Abuan, Sole Practitioner

09/2004 - present

Responsible for every aspect of owning and managing a business as well as legal and welfare decisions for someone that is legally incapacitated as appointed by the court.

- Submits detail reports to the extent of the incapacity and helps determine to what degree the client is able to support oneself
- Experienced in aspects of Medicaid and asset protection
- Extensive client and family contact
- Work in the best interests of alleged incapacitated person with the courts and Department of Social and Health Services

Staff Attorney

02/2003 - 08/2004

Luce, Lambino and Riggio PS, Tacoma, WA

Primary focus municipal law, guardianships, estate planning, and probate.

- Drafted estate planning documents including Wills, Trusts, Power of Attorney, Healthcare Proxy, and Living Wills
- Provided legal advice on laws and regulations for a pre-paid legal program
- Drafted written responses to informational, letters, legal memoranda, and opinions
- Reviewed legal issues and draft memoranda concerning municipal law, guardianship, estate planning and probate

Navy Judge Advocate General, CDR, JAGC, USN, Ret.

08/1981 – 01/2003

Honorable discharge after 20 years of service as the senior officer in several law management capacities where I oversaw military, civilian administrative and legal staff on board ship, internationally, and domestically.

- Chief legal advisor to the commanding officer of an aircraft carrier, which included managing more than 80 staff including officers and enlisted service members
- Oversaw the management of up to and more than 50 caseloads annually
- Served as a Prosecutor charging felony and misdemeanor offenses, Defense counsel both felony and administrative board hearings, Ethics counselor and trainer, Personal legal assistance law, Federal Employment law, Environmental law, Contract law, and Military Administrative Law
- Department head for Defense, Head of Claims and Commands Services
- Executive Officer for seven offices located in 5 states

EDUCATION

Juris Doctorate, 1979

University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Bachelors of Arts, 1976

University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Communications/Radio & TV Production and History

Military: Criminal Prosecution and Defense Trial Practice; Estate Planning; Personnel Law; Family Law; Consumer Protection; Law of War; Environmental Law, and Conversational Italian

CERTIFICATES & LICENSES

Current Member of Washington State Bar Association
 Certified RCW Title 11 Guardian ad Litem

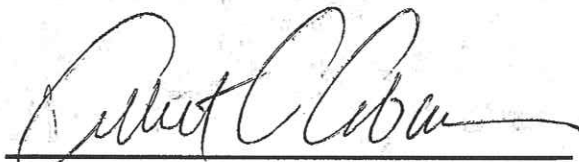
RELEASE OF INFORMATION

- TO: ☒ Washington State Bar Association
☐ Washington State Medical Association
☐ Washington State Nursing Commission
☐ Washington State Board of Psychology
☐ Washington State Department of Licensing

I, ALBERT A. ABUAN
(Professional License No. 10597) hereby authorize you, for
the purpose of my application and/or work as a Kitsap County Guardian ad
Litem, to release information to and discuss such information with:

Frank A. Maiocco, Jr.
Court Administrator
Kitsap County Superior Court
614 Division Street, MS-24
Port Orchard, WA 98366
(360) 337-7140

This RELEASE OF INFORMATION includes, but is not
limited to, all records and information concerning any official disciplinary
action or a pending active investigation you have with regard to me.



Signature

06/04/25

Date

ALBERT A. ABUAN

Printed Name

PO BOX 10654

Street Address

BAINBRIDGE, WA 98110

City/State/Zip

**FEE SCHEDULE FOR
ALBERT A. ABUAN, PLLC
(06/04/25)**

**Guardian ad Litem
\$275.00 per hour
(Will accept County Fees)**

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6 **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLALLAM**

7 IN THE GUARDIANSHIP/
8 CONSERVATORSHIP OF:

NO. 25-4-00154-05

9 BRENDA DYRKE

10 RESPONDENT

COURT VISITOR STATEMENT OF
QUALIFICATIONS

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12 This statement is presented as required by RCW 11.130.280 (3) (a)

13 A. Level of formal education:

14 1976 University of Washington, BA History, BA Communications

15 1979 University of Washington, Juris Doctorate

16 B. Training related to the Court Visitor's duties:

17 I have successfully completed all necessary and/or required training as
18 sponsored by the King County Bar Association, in compliance with state law. I am a
19 practicing attorney licensed by the Washington State Bar Association and I am a
20 member in good standing of the Washington State Bar Association. I am currently on
21 the King, Jefferson, Clallam, and Kitsap, Court Visitor registries for RCW Chapter 11
22 Guardianships / Conservatorships.

23 C. Number of years experience as a Court Visitor:

24 20th year of appointment

1 D. Number of appointments as a Court Visitor and the county of appointment:

2 Kitsap 113
3 Jefferson 46
4 Mason 3
5 Clallam 78
6 King 94
7 Total: 334

8 E. Criminal History, as defined in RCW 9.94A.030:

9 I have no criminal history.

10 F. Evidence of the person's knowledge, training, and experience in each of the
11 following: Needs of impaired elderly people, physical disabilities, mental illness,
12 developmental disabilities, and other areas relevant to the needs of incapacitated
13 persons, legal procedures, and the requirements of chapters 11.88 and 11.92 RCW.

14 1. The needs of the impaired elderly: I have completed all necessary and
15 required Guardian ad Litem / Court Visitor training offered. As a Navy legal assistance
16 attorney, I had experience providing estate planning and other legal instruments relative
17 to elder law. After 20 years of service, I retired and worked for a year and a half for a
18 firm that provided elder law services including a guardianship practice.

19 2. The needs of persons with physical disabilities: I completed the May 2005
20 King County Bar Association Guardian ad Litem course which included in-depth training
21 for dealing with situations involving persons with disabilities and have reviewed the
22 course materials pertaining to this area. I have attended guardian ad litem / court visitor
23 updates sponsored by the King and Kitsap County bar associations in 2006 - 2024. I
24 attended a September 2004 three-day conference which focused on crimes against
25 elders and vulnerable adults, sponsored by the King County Prosecutors Office.

26 3. The needs of persons with mental illness: Same as 2.

1 4. The needs of persons with developmental disabilities: Same as 2.

2 5. Other area relevant to the needs of incapacitated persons: In my practice of
3 law, I have drafted and provided powers of attorney, both temporary and durable;
4 directives to physicians, wills and trusts.

5 6. Issues involving minors: Same as 2.

6 7. Legal Procedures: I was admitted to the Washington Bar in 1980, worked for
7 a King County Superior Court Judge and after retiring from 20 years as a Naval Judge
8 Advocate, I have been in private practice since January 2002.

9 8. RCW 11.130 and 11.92: I am familiar with the above statutes.

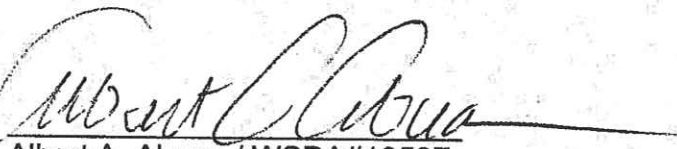
10 G. Court Visitor Removal: I have not been removed as a Guardian ad Litem or Court
11 Visitor in any guardianship / conservatorship action in any county.

12 H. Hourly rate: \$275.00 per hour / I will accept county pay cases.

13 I. Contact with any party to the proceeding prior to my appointment: None

14 J. Apparent conflict of interest: None
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16 Dated this 16th day of April 2025, on Bainbridge Island, WA.

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19 Albert A. Abuan / WSBA#10597

Certificate of Completion

KING COUNTY BAR

Albert Abuan

2025 King County
RCW 11.130 Adult Court Visitor Training

Re-Certification – May 16, 2025

5.00 Law & Legal, 1.00 Ethics CLE Credits
Approval #2053823



Bridget Schuster, Member Services Director
King County Bar Association

THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
FOR KITSAP COUNTY

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DEPARTMENT NO. 6

JENNIFER A. FORBES, JUDGE
DEPARTMENT NO. 7
CADINE FERGUSON-BROWN, JUDGE
DEPARTMENT NO. 8

MATTHEW L. CLUCAS
COURT COMMISSIONER
LYNN K. FLEISCHBEIN
COURT COMMISSIONER
FRANK A. MAIOCCO, JR.
COURT ADMINISTRATOR

June 20, 2025

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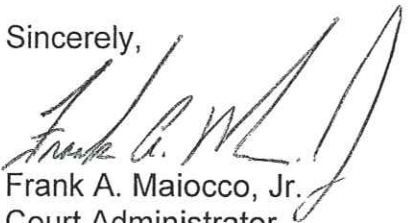
Re: Kitsap County Superior Court Title 11.130 Court Visitor Registry, 2025-2026

Dear Mr. Abuan:

The Kitsap County Superior Court Guardian ad Litem/Court Visitor Committee has received and reviewed your application for the Title 11.130 Court Visitor registry. We are pleased to include you on the 2025 - 2026 Registry, effective July 1, 2025.

Thank you for your interest and participation in Kitsap County's Court Visitor program.

Sincerely,


Frank A. Maiocco, Jr.
Court Administrator
Kitsap County Superior Court