

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

Name: Carol J. Williams

Business Name or Firm: same as above

Business Address: 7061 NW Jupiter Trail

City and State: Silverdale, WA Zip Code: 98383

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Email Address: cjkwgo@gmail.com

- ☒ Non-Attorney ☐ Attorney - WSBA or Washington State Certification No:
- ☒ 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.

With the exception of three cases pending their court hearings in the next two months, I have successfully completed the forty-six (46) cases I've been assigned to as Guardian ad Litem or Court Visitor since admission to the Kitsap County GAL Title 11 Registry on July 1, 2017.

Prior to my eight years' service on the Title 11 registry I spent 10 years as lay or de facto guardian for my mother as she advanced through Alzheimer's from moderate to severe incapacity, from 2008 until her death in January 2017. With the aim of allowing her to remain in her home as long as possible, I worked with my five siblings to provide an expanding array of support as her cognition deteriorated and until she had to go into residential/memory care the last year of her life

Also relevant to the investigative, analytical and reporting aspects of my guardianship work was the 40 years I spent as a journalist and foreign correspondent researching, fact-finding, investigating, interviewing and analytical report-writing on my coverage of armed conflict, natural disasters, international development, diplomacy, relief work, legal affairs and foreign policy through eight U.S. administrations.

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: 0 (zero)

☒ 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.

I hold a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and editorial journalism from the University of Washington 1977, a Journalist Law Certificate from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles 2009 and the following two-day or daylong certification and recertification seminars over the past eight years that have covered the care needs of a broad array of public communities whose incapacities bring them into the guardianship legal process.

Training Related to Guardian's Duties:

Washington State AOC's lay guardianship training, April 2015.

Guardian ad Litem Title 11 training certificate, King County Bar Assn., April 2017.

Kitsap County Superior Court Guardian ad Litem recertification, April 2018.

King County Bar Assn., recertification April 2019.

Kitsap County Superior Court recertification training May 2021.

Community Guardians recertification training, May 2022.

Community Guardians recertification May 2023.

Community Guardians recertification May 2024.

Community Guardians recertification June 4, 2025.

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. NA - none of the above
- ☐ 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. NA - none of the above
- ☒ 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 5th day of June 2025, at Port Orchard, Washington.


SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

PRINT NAME: CAROL J. WILLIAMS

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

CAROL J. WILLIAMS, Kitsap County Superior Court Visitor

7061 NW Jupiter Trail, Silverdale, WA (360) 355-5168 cjwkgo@gmail.com caroljwilliams.net

GUARDIAN AD LITEM | 2017-PRESENT

Certified as a Guardian ad Litem by the Washington State Courts administration in April 2017, appointed to research and evaluate petitions for guardianship of incapacitated adults and serve as their advocate during review and adjudication process.

Formal Education: Bachelor of Arts, in psychology and editorial journalism, University of Washington 1977. Journalist Law Certificate, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles (annual summer scholarship program), 2009.

Training Related to Guardian's Duties: Washington State AOC's lay guardianship training, April 2015. Guardian ad Litem Title 11 initial training certificate, King County Bar Assn., April 2017. Kitsap County Superior Court GAL recertification, April 2018; King County Bar Assn., GAL recertification, April 2019; Kitsap County Superior Court GAL recertification training, May 2021; Kitsap County Superior Court CV certification training, May 2022; Kitsap County Superior Court CV recertification training, May 2023, Kitsap County Superior Court CV recertification training May 2024, Kitsap County Superior Court CV recertification training June 4, 2025.

Experience Related to Guardian Duties: Ten years' experience organizing care and acting as a lay or de facto guardian for my mother as she advanced through Alzheimer's from moderate to severe incapacity, 2008-2017. With the aim of allowing her to remain in her home, I worked with my five siblings to provide an expanding array of support as her cognition deteriorated.

Appointments as Guardian ad Litem/Court Visitor: Forty-six (46) since admission to Kitsap Guardian ad Litem registry in July 2017.

Other Experience: Forty years of researching, fact-finding, investigation, interviewing and report-writing as a journalist and foreign correspondent covering armed conflict, natural disasters, international development, diplomacy, relief work and politics.

Foreign language proficiency certificates: fluent Russian (since 1983), German (since 1988), basic communication ability in French and Spanish.

Completion of Pentagon training for hazardous environment deployment ahead of U.S. Navy embedding aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier in the Persian Gulf (2002-2003), including advanced first aid, chemical and biological weapons protection and mine detection and awareness.

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

FREELANCE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS WRITER AND ANALYST | 2016-PRESENT

Curator of "World Briefing by CJ Williams," a digest of the day's main international news via Twitter and Bluesky; foreign affairs writer and analyst for Postalley.org, Seattle-based online reporting and commentary collective; panels on US-Russia relations and press freedom at civic forums, Folio Seattle Athenaeum lecture series, and Russian Studies programs at University of Washington's Ellison Center on Russian, Eastern European and Central Asian Studies, Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies.

LOS ANGELES TIMES | 1990-2015

Senior International Affairs Writer: 2011-2015 -- Correspondent-at-large based in Los Angeles, traveling to Russia, Ukraine, and Eastern Europe to cover Vladimir Putin's mission to restore Kremlin influence in the former Soviet space. Covered the seizure of Crimea, Russia-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine, Baltic states' tensions with Russia and imposition of Western sanctions. Wrote frequently on the Arab Spring rebellions, Fukushima disaster, Syrian war, and North Korean nuclear ambitions.

Legal Affairs Writer: 2008-2011 -- Based in Los Angeles with responsibility for national and international legal issues and coverage of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, capital punishment, counterterrorism, gay rights, and constitutional challenges. Included responsibility from previous beat for Guantanamo detention and prosecution of terrorism suspects.

Caribbean Bureau Chief: 2002-2008 -- Covering Cuba, Haiti, Venezuela, and other areas of Central and South America, with a focus on ideological and security issues. Posting included extensive coverage of the Guantanamo Bay detention center and war-crimes tribunal, involving 20-plus reporting trips to the US base in southern Cuba. Also frequently assigned to Iraq 2003-2007. Embedded aboard USS Abraham Lincoln in Persian Gulf February-April 2003 to cover US air operations over Iraq.

Berlin Bureau Chief: 1998-2002 -- Responsible for Germany and Scandinavia, covering post-reunification reconstruction, social and ideological divisions between East Germans and West Germans, introduction of the euro common currency, and extensive reporting on post-9/11 European security aftermath, including investigation of the Hamburg terror cell and Afghan government conference. Multiple assignments to Afghanistan after October 2001 invasion.

Moscow Bureau Chief: 1994-1998 -- Head of 20-person bureau responsible for coverage of post-Soviet Russia during the Yeltsin administration. Beat included the newly independent former Soviet republics, the wars in Chechnya and Russia's integration into international political, security and economic alliances. Extensive travel to remote regions of Russia to cover the more traumatic upheaval beyond Moscow and St. Petersburg.

Eastern Europe Bureau Chief: 1990-1994 -- Based in Budapest and Vienna, covering post-Communist reconstruction, privatization of state assets and the first elected governments in the former Soviet-bloc countries. Extensive coverage of the social impacts of transition out of planned economies that provided an illusion of full employment. Coverage later became dominated by the ethnic and political conflicts in Yugoslavia leading to its breakup.

ASSOCIATED PRESS | 1980-1990

Correspondent, West Germany: 1988-1990 -- Based in the West German capital, Bonn, covered anti-Communist protest movements, the fall of the Berlin Wall and East Europe revolutions overthrowing dictatorship.

Correspondent, Moscow, USSR: 1984-1988 -- Moscow-based reporter covering deterioration of the Old Guard, plight of dissidents and refuseniks, rise of reformist Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev, perestroika and glasnost reform efforts, the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, disarmament talks, US Embassy spying scandal, US-Soviet summits and emerging conflicts with the Baltic states and Caucasus.

BREMERTON SUN | 1976-1979

Reporter covering military affairs, religion and city politics in Bremerton, WA

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

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

I, CAROL J. WILLIAMS, NON-ATTORNEY COURT VISITOR
(Professional License No. NA) 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.

Carol J. Williams
Signature

JUNE 5, 2025
Date

CAROL J. WILLIAMS
Printed Name

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SILVERDALE, WA 98383
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Fee Schedule for July 1, 2025 Registry:

Public Pay appointments: \$75 per hour (or as ordered by the Court)

Private Pay appointment: \$100 per hour

Reimbursement of Expenses as Approved by the Court


Carol J. Williams

Date June 5, 2025

THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
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COURT ADMINISTRATOR

June 20, 2025

Ms. Carol J. Williams
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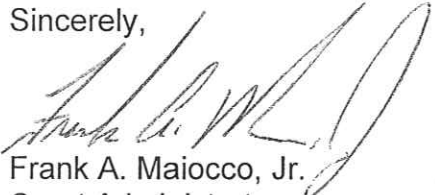
Re: Kitsap County Superior Court Title 11.130 Court Visitor Registry, 2025-2026

Dear Ms. Williams:

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