

**APPLICATION / REAPPLICATION FOR GUARDIAN AD LITEM /
COURT VISITOR REGISTRY**
Family Law - Title 26 / Minor Guardianship - Title 11.130

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Non-Attorney Attorney - WSBA or Washington State Certification No: 9601

I am hereby applying to serve as a:

- Guardian ad Litem (Title 26)
 Guardian ad Litem - Minor Guardianships (RCW 11.130.280)
 Court Visitor - Minor Guardianships (RCW 11.130.280)
 Attorney for RCW 11.130 Minor(s) RCW 11.130 Parent(s)

I am willing to serve 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 been a guardian ad litem since 1996 (27 years)
123 appointments

will only accept appointments on person request from
a judge or commissioner.

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: _____

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 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 22 day of May, 2023, at Poulsbo , Washington.


SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

PRINT NAME: Steven Olsen

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**

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS
STEVEN L. OLSEN

- A. Level of Formal Education: B.A. Computer Science, 1975, SUNY Oswego, New York; J.D., 1979 Gonzaga Law School, Spokane, Washington
- B. Training Relating to Guardian's Duties: DSHS foster parent training (1998), completion of Guardian Ad Litem training program via video tape and course study, as required by RCW 11.88.090 and RCW 26.12.177. Re-took training in 1998. Attended annual Title 26 GAL Symposium (last CLE on 05/14/19) and Annual Title 11 CLE (last CLE on 05/22/19)
- C. Number of Years Experience as Guardian Ad Litem: Sixteen.
- D. Number of Appointments as Guardian Ad Litem:
96 pursuant to RCW 11.88 and 122 pursuant to RCW 26.09.
- E. Hourly Rate of Pay: \$200.00 per hour. \$3,000.00 retainer payable in advance (Title 26 only).
- F. Other Experience: Practiced law since 1979. Eleven years as Deputy Prosecutor, representing juvenile departments and DSHS in dependencies and ARPS. Private representation of clients in youth at risk proceedings. Superior Court arbitrator, Superior Court mediator, District, Municipal and Tribal Court Judge Pro Tem. Certified Mediator with the Washington Mediation Association. Active Domestic Relations practice. Scouts Volunteer.

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of
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EXPERIENCE

- 1992 - present **OLSEN & MCFADDEN, INC., P.S., Attorneys at Law**
Share Holder in General Practice, including criminal defense, probate, civil litigation, personal injury and family law, including trials and appeals.
Former Prosecuting Attorney for City of Bainbridge Island; former Prosecuting Attorney for Poulsbo; and former interim City Attorney for Port Townsend and Bremerton.
Frequent Judge Pro Tem in Kitsap County District Court; Bremerton Municipal Court Pro-Tem; and former Judge Pro Tem in Suquamish Tribal Court & Poulsbo Municipal Court. King County Superior Court Commissioner Pro-Tem.
Superior Court Arbitrator and Former Superior Court Mediator.
Certified Mediator
Guardian ad Litem (Titles 26 (custody/ visitation disputes), 11 (guardianships), SPR 93.04W (adoptions) & 98.16W (Settlement of claims of minors & incapacitated persons))
Collaborative Law Practitioner
Candidate for Kitsap County District Court Judge (1998)
- 1990 - 1992 **Norbut Law Firm**
Poulsbo, Washington. Associate in General Practice, including criminal defense, probate, bankruptcy, civil litigation and dissolution.
Prosecuting Attorney for Cities of Poulsbo and Bainbridge Island.
Judge Pro Tem for Winslow, Poulsbo and Bremerton Municipal Courts and Jefferson and Kitsap County District Courts
- 1982 - 1990 **Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney**
Jefferson County, Port Townsend, Washington. Prosecute adult felonies from investigation through appeal. Assist other deputy in non-felony and juvenile prosecutions, and other juvenile proceedings. Assist Prosecuting Attorney in civil matters, including mental health commitments, land use matters, tort litigation and contract. Advise county officials.
- 1984 - 1986 **Raymond and Olsen**

Port Townsend, Washington. Partnership with Prosecuting Attorney in part-time private practice. General law practice emphasized personal injury, real estate and probate. Candidate for Port Townsend City Attorney (elected position, 1984).

- 1981 - 1982 **Deputy Prosecuting Attorney**
Stevens County, Colville, Washington. Prosecute almost all adult crimes (felony and non-felony) from investigation through appeal. Assist other deputy in juvenile proceedings. Assist Prosecuting Attorney in civil matters. Privately retained as Town Prosecutor for the five towns in Stevens County. Advise county officials.
- 1979 - 1981 **Deputy Prosecuting Attorney**
Pend Oreille County, Newport, Washington. Prosecute all crimes (adult and juvenile) from investigation through appeal, plus other juvenile proceedings. Assist Prosecuting Attorney with civil matters. Advise county officials.
- 1977 - 1979 **Legal Intern**
Felice and Clayton, Attorneys. Spokane, Washington. Legal research and writing, trial preparation for personal injury cases. Intern for Federal Magistrate.
- 1976 - 1977 **Law Clerk**
John Burke and Joseph Gervais, Attorneys. Rochester, New York. Legal research and writing for two sole practitioners, emphasized insurance defense and probate.

EDUCATION

Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane, Washington. J.D. (1979).

State University of New York, Oswego, New York. B. A. Computer Science (1975)
Regent's Scholarship

Chaminade High School, Mineola, New York. Graduate (1971) McGonnigle
Scholarship

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Washington State Bar Association (admitted 1979) Jefferson County Delegate to Young Lawyers' Network (1986-1988) Criminal Law Section Executive Committee (1988 - 1990); Panel Member, Ethics in Criminal Practice Seminar, State Bar Convention (1989); Special District Counsel (1999 - present); Fee Dispute Mediator (2008 - 2009)

Jefferson County Bar Association (President 1986) Organized Appellate Practice CLE and DWI Seminars. Lecturer on successful prosecution of sexual child

molestation cases.

Kitsap County Bar Association (1990 to present) Treasurer (2007), Secretary (2008), Vice President (2009), President (2010), Humanitarian Award (2023)

Washington State Trial Lawyers Association (1994 - 2005)

Kitsap County Collaborative Law and International Association of Collaborative Practitioners (2008 - 2012)

Washington Mediation Association (2011 - present)

Washington Association of Family Counselors and Conciliators (AFCC)

Admitted to Federal District Court for Eastern and Western Districts of Washington and Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Bayshore Enterprises - Former Member, Board of Directors, non-profit organization which trains and employs developmentally handicapped persons. (1988 - 1990)

United Good Neighbors - Former Board Member, local United Way affiliate. (1989 - 1990)

Port Townsend Rhododendron Festival - Former Board Member

Jefferson County Domestic Violence - Former Member, Board of Directors. (1983 - 1990)

Big Brothers/Sisters of Jefferson/Clallam Counties - One of Founding Board Members (1986 - 1989)

Big Brothers/Sisters of Kitsap County - One of founding board members, former Vice-President, Treasurer (1990 - 1994)

Jefferson County Recreation Dept. - soccer coach (ages 7 - 9, 1984 - 1987)

Bainbridge Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence - founding member (1993 to 1998), YWCA Award co-recipient (1998)

Kitsap County United Way Board Member (1995 - 2001)

Kitsap County Dispute Resolution Center- Volunteer Mediator (1995 - present)

Mentor, mediator and instructor. Justice for All award recipient, 2014. Bunny Stumbo Award recipient, 2015

Kitsap County Juvenile Court Citizen's Advisory Board - Board Member (1997 - 2004), Chairman (1998 to 2004)

Foster Parent Training 1998

Cubmaster – Pack 1496 (2003 to 2005)/ **BSA Eagle Scout Board of Review** (2007 – present), Merit Badge Counselor

Kitsap County Democratic Central Committee (2000- present)
Executive Board (2000 – 2010), Vice-Chairman (2002 – 2006)

23rd LD Democrats (2002 – present) Former executive board member

Kitsap Legal Services – Pro bono Attorney, Award recipient 1999 and 2011. Covid 19 Award 2021. Helpline House Local Hero Award 2010

ACLU – former member

NAACP – former member

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church (Bainbridge Island) – former chancellor


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, Steven Olsen
(Professional License No. 9601) 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

5/22/23

Date

Steven Olsen

Printed Name

1050 NE Hostman St, Suite 111

Street Address

DWISDO, WA 98370

City/State/Zip

**OLSEN & MCATADDEN, INC., P.S.
TITLE 26
GAL FEE SCHEDULE**

\$200.00 per hour, including travel time and costs.

\$3,000.00 retainer payable before work commences.

Order Appointing GAL should authorize up to 2x retainer without further order.



**CERTIFICATE
OF
ATTENDANCE**

This certifies that

STEVEN OLSEN

attended the Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Recertification Training Online via Zoom
on May 18th, 2023.

This course has been approved for 5.75 CLE credits: 2.00 Law and Legal, and 3.75 Other
(Nexus) by the WSBA.

Joanne E. Sprague

Joanne E. Sprague
Executive Director
Kitsap Legal Services

Jennifer Forbes

Hon. Jennifer Forbes
Presiding Judge
Kitsap County Superior Court

STEVEN L. OLSEN

Bar Complaints

To the best of my recollection, I have received 3 bar complaints. I do not have a copy of either complaint.

1. In Approximately 1988, I was a deputy prosecuting attorney in Jefferson County. I prosecuted a young man for murder. After being sentenced, the father made false allegations that I was overzealous without investigation.
2. In Approximately 1995, I successfully represented a father in a child support modification. He complained that bills failed to credit payments. After responding that bills only showed activity for the previous month and that payments made after the first of the month would appear as credits on that month's bill, the current apologized and withdrew his complaint.

MALPRACTICE SUITS

- *Zwicker v Olsen & McFadden, Kitsap County Superior Court No. 10-2-02887-2.* The client missed the statute of limitations after I advised him of the incorrect statute. The case was settled by our insurer.

STEVEN L. OLSEN

CLAIMS OF IMPROPER FEE CHARGES

2019 Haver/ Triller Dissolution, Kitsap County Superior Court No. 15-3-00834-5 Father has contested the Custody Modification case and opposed approval of my GAL fees; arguing that my fees exceeded Court Ordered Cap and that my investigation included issues beyond those raised in his Petition. The court approved my fees as requested.

2022, Jensen v. Lupfer #12-3-00772-7 Father disputed GAL's report, recommendations & fees, claiming numerous factual inaccuracies. The court found 2 minor errors & ordered GAL to revise the sealed report to correct them. The court found that the father's remaining claims constituted disagreement about contested facts. GAL did not violate ethical rules. GAL fees were approved.