

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

Name: Kerry Stevens  
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☐ Non-Attorney ☒ Attorney - WSBA or Washington State Certification No: 15420

☒ 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 served as a GAL for 4 years. I estimate  
that I have been a GAL or Court Visitor on  
approximately 75 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: 0

☒ 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 am not asking to be on the Guardianship  
list - only on Title 26 cases.

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 30 day of may, 20 24, at Port Orchard, Washington.

  
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

PRINT NAME: Kerry Stevens

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](mailto:fmaiocco@co.kitsap.wa.us)**

KERRY STEVENS, STEVENS LAW OFFICE PS

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**EDUCATION:**

**1973-1978: Reed College, B.A.**

Major: German Literature

**1979-1982: Hamline University School of Law, J.D.**

**EMPLOYMENT:**

**1982-1985: John Joyce Law Office, Stillwater, Mn.**

Associate Attorney in general practice, working  
primarily in the area of Domestic Relations

**1985-1989: Shiers, Kamps and Chrey, Port Orchard, WA.**

Associate Attorney working in the area of Domestic Relations

**1990-Present: Stevens Law Office, Port Orchard, WA.**

Solo practitioner with 37 years experience working in the areas of Domestic Relations, Misdemeanor Criminal Defense, Estates and Probate, Dependency representation of parents and children, Mental Health Civil Commitment, Juvenile Defense, and miscellaneous other matters.



**2019-2024: Guardian ad Litem and Court Visitor**

Retained by private counsel to serve as Guardian ad Litem in Title 26 cases approximately 35 times, and appointed by the court in several Title 26 matters. Appointed to serve as Guardian ad Litem or Court Visitor in approximately 45 cases for Guardianships for Alleged Incapacitated Persons and Minor Guardianships. Appointed by the court to prepared Post Placement Reports for adoptions in approximately 15 cases.

**Professional Training and Associations:**

- 1982 Minnesota Bar Association**
- 1984 Wisconsin Bar Association**
- 1985 Washington State Bar Association**

**1982-2023: Continuing Legal Education Courses**

Minimum of 15 hours of continuing education per year for forty years in all aspects of the practice of law.

**2019-2024: Mandatory Training for Title 26 Guardian ad Litem**

Completed the three-day course to become certified as a Title 26 Guardian ad Litem and all annual training courses.

**2019-2023 Mandatory Training for Title 11 Guardian ad Litem and Court Visitor**

Completed Mandatory Training and annual mandatory training to be certified as a Title 11 Guardian ad Litem and Court Visitor.

KERRY STEVENS

TITLE 26 and 11 GAL QUALIFICATION

1. Evidence of training, knowledge and experience that would assist in the performance and completion of Guardian ad Litem duties::

Needs of impaired elderly people: I have represented approximately ten individuals seeking guardianship of an alleged incapacitated person and worked with Guardian ad Litem in those cases

Mental Illness:

I have represented hundreds of clients facing civil commitment proceedings. I have also represented criminal clients who were impaired by mental illness.

Developmental Disabilities:

I have sought guardianship for clients with developmental disabilities, as well as represented many children in the foster care system who have developmental disabilities.

2. 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 the completion of the Guardian ad Litem/Court Visitor duties:

I have never been removed as a Guardian ad Litem or Court Visitor prior to the completion of my duties. In about 1995 I was the Defendant in a case involving a real estate transaction that was ultimately dismissed with prejudice and without any settlement. In forty years I believe I have had two complaints filed with the Washington State Bar Association, but neither one resulted in any investigation or discipline.

3. 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:

None, other than the 1995 real estate malpractice claim mentioned above.

## 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, Kerry Stevens  
(Professional License No. 15420) 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

5/30/24  
Date

Kerry Stevens  
Printed Name

11074 S.E. Glendale  
Street Address

Port Orchard, WA 98366  
City/State/Zip

GAL/COURT VISITORL FEE SCHEDULE;

TITLE 26 GUARDIAN AD LITEM:

Private Pay: Retainer \$2,500; hourly rate \$225.00

County Pay: As approved by the court

  
KERRY STEVENS WSBA#15420





# CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

This certifies that

**KERRY STEVENS**

attended the Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Recertification Training Online via Zoom

on April 24, 2024.

This course has been approved for 3.5 hours of Law & Legal credits, and 2.5 hours of Other  
(Nexus Subject) by the WSBA.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joanne E. Sprague".

Joanne E. Sprague  
Executive Director  
Kitsap Legal Services

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Forbes".

Hon. Jennifer Forbes  
Presiding Judge  
Kitsap County Superior Court

THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
FOR KITSAP COUNTY

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PORT ORCHARD, WASHINGTON 98366  
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JENNIFER A. FORBES, JUDGE  
DEPARTMENT NO. 7  
CADINE FERGUSON-BROWN, JUDGE  
DEPARTMENT NO. 8  
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MATTHEW L. CLUCAS  
COURT COMMISSIONER  
LYNN K. FLEISCHBEIN  
COURT COMMISSIONER  
  
FRANK A. MAIOCCO, JR.  
COURT ADMINISTRATOR

TINA ROBINSON, JUDGE  
DEPARTMENT NO. 1  
MICHELLE ADAMS, JUDGE  
DEPARTMENT NO. 2  
MELISSA A. HEMSTREET, JUDGE  
DEPARTMENT NO. 3  
WILLIAM C. HOUSER, JUDGE  
DEPARTMENT NO. 4  
JEFFREY P. BASSETT, JUDGE  
DEPARTMENT NO. 5  
KEVIN D. HULL, JUDGE  
DEPARTMENT NO. 6

June 25, 2024

Ms. Kerry Stevens  
PO Box 4545  
South Colby, WA 98384

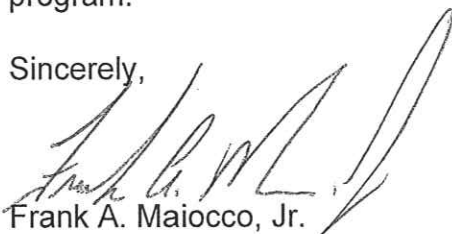
Re: Kitsap County Superior Court Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Registry, 2024-2025

Dear Ms. Stevens:

The Kitsap County Superior Court Guardian ad Litem Committee has received and reviewed your application for the Title 26 Guardian ad Litem registry. We are pleased to include you on the 2023 - 2024 Registry, effective July 1, 2024.

Thank you for your interest and participation in Kitsap County's Guardian ad Litem program.

Sincerely,

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