

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

Name: Nancy Tarbell

Business Name or Firm: Nancy Tarbell, Attorney at Law

Business Address: P. O. Box 840

City and State: Manchester, WA 98353

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Email Address: Nancy@Tarbelllaw.com

☐ Non-Attorney ☒ Attorney - WSBA or Washington State Certification No: 26686

☒ 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.

18 years, Title 26 (family law) guardian ad litem	60 appointments
7 years, Superior Court Custody Investigator	135 appointments; 16 as GAL
1 year, Title 13 (dependency) guardian ad litem	

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.

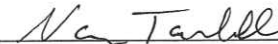
I assume from the reference to Title 11 that this is specific to guardianship cases. I am applying only for Title 26 cases.

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. **None**
- ☒ 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**
- ☒ 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 30th day of May, 2024, at Port Orchard, Washington.


SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

PRINT NAME: Nancy Tarbell

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**

Nancy Tarbell, Attorney at Law
Post Office Box 840 Manchester, WA 98353
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Education

T.C. Williams School of Law, University of Richmond, Virginia
Awarded: Juris Doctor, 1985; concurrent with several MBA classes
Seattle Pacific University, Bachelor of Science, 1978, Varsity Crew

Volunteer

- Kitsap Legal Services, Board member, volunteer attorney, educator. Volunteer Attorney of the Month, January & March 2006. 2005-2007
- Court Appointed Special Advocate, 1994-2006
- Kitsap Dispute Resolution Center, Intern, 2005-present
- *The Kitsap Sun*, Editorial Board Community Member, 1997-1998
- Juvenile Department Diversion Board, 1996-1997
- Cultural Homestay International, 1999-2001, International Summerstays, 2005
- Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group, 2003-2007

Employment

Attorney at Law, Private Practice 2005 - present
Guardian ad litem, public defense for parents in dependency cases. A developing area of interest is collaborative family law, especially when a divorce includes children.

Adjunct Professor, Vincennes University 2005
Procedural criminal law, substantive criminal law, criminal justice.

Guardian ad Litem, Title 26, Kitsap County Superior Court 2006 - present
Investigate and report to the Court factual information regarding family law cases. Make recommendations regarding the best interests of the child.

Court Services Officer/Guardian ad Litem, Kitsap Juvenile Department 2005 - 2006
Investigate & advocate in Court for children who are dependents of the State. Recruit, educate and supervise volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates

Custody Investigator, Kitsap County Juvenile Department 1998 - 2004; 2005 - 2006
Investigate, make recommendations, and advocate for children to the Superior Court in contentious child custody cases involving low income parents. Educate the participants regarding the legal process; attempt to fashion workable solutions in volatile situations.

Assistant Regulatory Counsel, Lawyers Title Insurance Corp, Richmond, VA 1986-1991
Advocate corporate position with state regulators; analyze and draft proposed legislation; advise/educate senior management on insurance and banking law.

Member

Washington State Bar Association, 1997 – present

Kitsap County Bar Association

Virginia State Bar Association, 1985-1995

Guardian ad Litem Registry, Title 26, Kitsap County Superior Court

Speaker

The Absent Party: Children, Dispute Resolution Center, Mediator Training.
ongoing presenter 3/06 to 10/18

Attorneys, Ugh, What Are They Good For? Divorce Recovery, 12/05

Therapists + Attorneys= Collaborative Divorce, Washington Association of
Marriage and Family Therapists, 9/05; again in 3/08 to a therapist's collective

What Are We Doing Here? Court Appointed Special Advocate Training, ongoing
presenter: fall 2004 to winter 2007.

Your Ship is Sunk; You've Lost Your Shirt & Other Clichés of Hopelessness,
Christian Women's Club, 8/06

Nancy Tarbell
Guardian ad Litem
Specialized Emphasis, Continuing Education

- 2024 AFCC Confirmation Bias: Getting it Backwards in High Conflict Cases (and How to Correct It)
Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Training 4/24/24 (6 CLE hours)
- 2023 Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Training 5/18 (5.75 CLE hours)
Children's Justice Conference 4/18-19 (10.75 CLE hours)
- 2022 Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Training 4/21 (6.25 CLE hours)
- 2021 Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Training. 4/28 (6.25 CLE hours)
- RCW 11.130 Minor Guardianship Training, . 4/27 (6.0 CLE hours)
- Building Brains in Early Childhood. Bates Technical College. 4/22, 2 CLE hours
- Claims and Counterclaims in Parental Alienation Research: What's a Family Court
Professional To Do? Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 1/26
- 2020 Anti-Racist Legal Strategies in Child Welfare, December 11 (1.5 CLE hours)
- 2019 Defending Washington Families, September 17 (8.25 CLE credits)
Kitsap Permanency Summit, permanency for children, September 12 (6 CLE hours)
Adverse Childhood Experiences, July 22 (3 CLE hours)
Children's Justice Conference (13 hours CLE) May 13-14
- 2018 Shared Parenting Schedules for Children Who Resist Contact With a Parent:
Considerations for Residential Schedules and Interventions (6 CLE hours)
- 2017 Children's Justice Conference (13 CLE hours) April 11-12)
Complex child trauma by age and gender
- 2016 Advanced Update Title 26 GAL Training, September 19
Washington Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (6 CLE hours)
- 2015 Working with Tribal Families in State Child Welfare Courts, May 29 (4 CLE hours)
- 2015 Children's Justice Conference, May 11-12 (CLE hours)
Expert Witness Testimony
Forensic Experiential Trauma
Disconfirmation Bias and the Problem of Defense-based Research

Working with non-offending Parents in Sexual Abuse Cases
Daubert/Frye and Abusive Head Trauma Cases
Critical Conversations for Child Maltreatment: Interviewing

- 2014 Kitsap Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Update Training, May 21 (partial, 2.75 hours)
YWCA: domestic violence resources, safety plans, child exchange issues
Abusive Use of Conflicts .191 limitations in parenting plans
Psychological evaluations and recommendations
Judge Anna Laurie: View from the Bench
- 2013 Washington State Office of Public Defense Training, June 6-7 (11.25 CLE hours)
Ethics: Representing Clients Affected by Trauma and Managing Your Own
Ethics: Communicating with Challenging or Diminished Capacity Clients
Best practices working with Clients Impacted by Trauma or Mental Illness
Ethics: Strategies for Communicating with Challenging Clients
- 2013 Children's Justice Conference (12.0 CLE hours: includes 2 ethics) May 13-14
Working with parents who have intellectual and developmental disabilities
The grief journey of the child placed in foster care
Ethical considerations in the practice of Indian Child Welfare
Transforming Trauma
- 2012 Children's Justice Conference (13.5 CLE hours: includes 2 ethics) May 14-15
Roles and Ethical Responsibilities in Dependency Cases
The Grief Journey of a Child Placed in Foster Care
Internet Crimes Against Children
Assessing Evaluator Bias in Cases of Alleged Sexual Abuse
Physical Child Abuse Injury Reconstruction Techniques
Abusive Head Trauma Case Study
Investigating Technology Facilitated Crimes Against Children
- 2011 Kitsap Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Update, May 11 (6.5 CLE hours)
- 2010 Kitsap Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Update, May 12 (6.5 CLE hours)
Children's Justice Conference (12 CLE hours; includes 1.5 ethics), May 10-11
Early Childhood Trauma and Loss of a parent: long-term effects
Who is an Indian Child?
Testifying in Court, expert witnesses
Understanding medical evaluations in child sexual abuse cases
Roles and Ethical Responsibilities in Dependency Cases
- 2009 Children's Justice Conference (12 CLE hours) April 6 & 7
Shaking Impact Syndrome
Eliciting Reliable Information from Children
Child Physical Abuse

Emerging Issues: Young People Who Sexually Abuse
Decisions in cases of child sexual abuse
Interviewing is Both an Art and a Science
Domestic Violence/Parenting Plans/Mediation Training Feb 26 & 27

2008 Children's Justice Conference (12 CLE hours)
Attachment: You know nothing if you don't know this
How not to help the defense attorney in a child sexual abuse case
Courtroom psychology
Detecting deception
Indian Child Welfare Act
Guardian ad Litem – Title 26 Update (6.5 CLE hours)
Office of Public Defense – November 21-22 – Motivational Interviewing

2007 Children's Justice Conference (10 CLE hours, includes 3 ethics)
Improving Outcomes for Families Affected by Substance Abuse
Ethical Challenges for Judges, Lawyers in Juvenile Law
Child Neglect Cases in the Courtroom
Psychological Evaluations: what they can and can't do for you
Family Law/Collaborative Law Update, Kitsap Legal Services, June 20
Office of Public Defense, Dependency Seminar, June 29-30 & 11/30-12/1
Expert Evaluation Guidelines for Dependency Proceedings, September 20
Collaborative Law, Basic, September 28-29

2006 Children's Justice Conference (10 CLE hours, includes 2 ethics)
Memory and Suggestibility
Confronting and Resolving the Battered Mother's Dilemma
Methamphetamine Treatment
Judicial Ethics in Dependency Cases
Children's Sexual Behaviors from Healthy to Disturbed
Links between Animal Abuse, Child Abuse, and Family Violence
Strategic Communication with Individuals with Character Disorders

2006 Guardian ad Litem, Title 26 Update (6.5 CLE hours, includes 1 ethics)
Immigration Issues in Family Law
Office of Public Defense, Dependency Seminar
Ethics – Civility in the Practice, Inns of Court (3.5 ethics)

2005 DRC Mediation Training (40 hour training)
Spring Extravaganza (6 CLE hours)
Adoption law
Uniform Parentage Act

Non-parental custody proceedings
Servicemembers Civil Relief Act
Reasonable Efforts Symposium

- 2004 Children's Justice Conference (11 CLE Hours)
Parenting by Abusive Men
Adolescents Who Sexually Offend
False Allegations of Sexual Abuse
Early Childhood Trauma - Effect of the Brain
Helping Children Recover from Domestic Violence
Improving Court Response to Battered Women
Adoption Practice and Procedures (6.25 CLE hours)
WCSAP - End Sexual Violence in Our Communities (4 CLE hours)
Guardian ad Litem, Title 26 Update (6.5 CLE hours)
- 2003 Children's Justice Conference (12.75 CLE hours)
Ethical Issues for Lawyers/Professionals in Child Maltreatment Cases
Effects on Children of Exposure to Domestic Violence
What Child Abuse Looks Like in the Classroom?
Interviewing Children for Child Abuse
Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse When Parents Separating
CASA Inservice, Settlement Conferences, Open Dependency Hearings (2 hours)
Guardian ad Litem Training, Title 26 Update (6.5 CLE hours)
- 2002 Children's Justice Conference (14 CLE hours)
Co-occurring Disorders
Treatment Interventions for Child Victims
Interviewing Children
Methamphetamine Addiction and Treatment
Recent Drug Abuse Trends in Seattle/King County
Reasonable Efforts Symposium (6.25 CLE hours)
Guardian ad Litem Training, Title 26 Update (7 CLE hours)
- 2001 Children's Justice Conference
Topics relating to Domestic Violence, Alcohol & Child Abuse
Pedophilia
Ethics for Attorneys and Staff (3 CLE hours)
Reasonable Efforts Symposium (5.5 CLE hours)
- 2000 Children's Justice Conference (12 CLE hours)
Domestic Violence: Harm to Children
Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
Sexual Predators of Children
Domestic Violence/Child Abuse Link
Physical Evidences of Child Abuse - Interpreting the Marks
Kitsap County Guardian ad Litem Training (40 hours)
Adolescent Brain Development and Drugs (8 hours)

Youth with Mental Health Disorders (8 hours)
Business Law for the Small Business Owner (6.25 CLE hours)
Children and the Law (6 CLE hours)

- 1999 Inter-County Guardian ad Litem Conference (7 hours)
Children's Justice Conference (9 CLE hours)
Children with Aggressive Behavior Disorders
Decision making in Child Protective Services
Long Term Effects of Abuse/Neglect in Children's Growth/Development
Using Developmental Theory to Improve Decision-making for Children
- 1998 Children's Justice Conference (13.75 CLE hours)
Behavioral Treatment of Child Physical Abuse
Understanding the Language of Children
Domestic Violence and Child Abuse
Allegations of Abuse in Divorce
- 1994 Court Appointed Special Advocate, Training
- 1991 Dispute Resolution and Mediation, Richmond, VA

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, Nancy Tarbell
(Professional License No. 26686) 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.

Nancy Tarbell
Signature

5-30-2024
Date

Nancy Tarbell
Printed Name

P.O. Box 840
Street Address

Manchester, WA 98353
City/State/Zip

Nancy Tarbell

Guardian ad Litem

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May 30, 2024

Fee schedule for Title 26 Guardian ad Litem cases

Deposits:

Required deposit of \$5,000.00; this deposit is due before the start of an investigation.

Please be aware that some investigations incur much more time and, therefore, more funds than the initial deposit. Depending on the case, the Guardian ad Litem Order may pre-approve additional funds prior to needing to seek court approval. Other investigations are completed below the deposit amount. For those cases which extend beyond the amount of the additional deposit I will seek court direction regarding payment, although the fees are usually assigned by the court to the parents.

Additional deposit of \$1,000.00 is required and all other GAL fees resolved prior to trial should the case proceed to trial.

Fees and charges:

Fees: \$150.00 per hour. Fees will be charged against the initial deposit. Any fees incurred in addition to the deposit will be due at the close of the case unless other arrangements are made. If the investigation does not use the entire deposit, the unused amount will be refunded when GAL is dismissed. Unless the court orders otherwise, the funds will be returned to the party paying the deposit (or in proportional share if more than one person paid the deposit).

Charges which may be incurred that are in addition to normal hourly fees:

There may be expenses incurred in investigation, for example, as the direct costs of gaining records or criminal history. These fees will be charged against the initial deposit.

In addition, copies of GAL records/file (if GAL agrees to copy) are \$0.20/page for a paper copy. Electronic copies require scanning, etc. and will be charged at the hourly rate. Fees for copies of GAL file are due when the file is delivered and are in addition to the deposit.



CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

This is to certify that Nancy Tarbell, JD has attended the virtual webinar held by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, with *Bill Eddy, LCSW, Esq. Confirmation Bias: Getting it Backwards in High Conflict Cases (and How to Correct It)*, held on January 11, 2024, from 1:00PM-2:00PM ET.

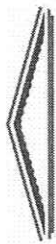
The webinar program is a continuing education activity sponsored by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC). The webinar program is eligible for up to 1 hour of continuing education credit for psychologists. **Nancy Tarbell, JD has earned 1 hour of credit.**

The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. AFCC is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Psychology as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed psychologists #PSY-0190.

Attorneys may also use this certificate of attendance to verify attendance and apply for credit in their state or territory. Each attendee is responsible for verifying that this webinar meets the requirements for CLE in their specific jurisdiction.

AFCC maintains responsibility for the program and its content.

Peter Salem, Executive Director
January 12, 2024



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CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

This certifies that

NANCY TARBELL

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.

Joanne E. Sprague
Executive Director
Kitsap Legal Services

Hon. Jennifer Forbes
Presiding Judge
Kitsap County Superior Court

Nancy Tarbell

Guardian ad Litem

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May 30, 2024

Frank Maiocco, Jr.
Superior Court Administrator
614 Division Street
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Re: Guardian ad Litem Registry

Dear Mr. Maiocco:

I am applying this year to be included on the guardian ad litem registry only because I currently am appointed on two very contentious cases and I do not want there to be any question regarding whether I remain qualified as a guardian ad litem. With that in mind, please be informed that I currently am not accepting any new appointments. I will fulfill my current obligations but, at this time, doubt that I will accept any future appointments.

It has been a privilege to serve as a guardian ad litem in Kitsap County. However, the current working conditions have become much more adversarial and unpleasant. Please withdraw my name from the registry of those available for appointment. Thank you for your consideration.

With warm regards,



Nancy Tarbell

THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
FOR KITSAP COUNTY

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PORT ORCHARD, WASHINGTON 98366
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TINA ROBINSON, JUDGE
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June 25, 2024

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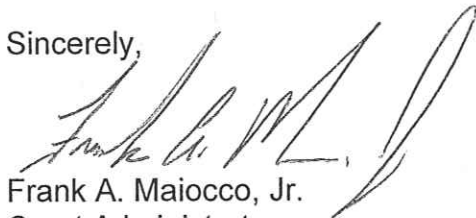
Re: Kitsap County Superior Court Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Registry, 2024-2025

Dear Ms. Tarbell:

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