

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

Name: Kimberly Tengel
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☒ Non-Attorney ☐ Attorney - WSBA or Washington State Certification No: _____

- ☐ 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.

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

Completed training
waiting for certificate

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 have a BA in Human Development.
I am currently working with children
who have substance use disorder and
mental health, and developmental disorders.
I have also worked in crisis mental
health facilities.

I was a social worker with DCFF where
I worked directly with families and reported
to the court
19 years with DCFF.

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.
completed waiting for Kitsap legal aid
to send certificate.

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

DATED this _____ day of _____, 20____, at _____, Washington.

Kitsap legal aid
has not yet sent
out certificate.

I completed
training on 6/13/2026


SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

PRINT NAME: Kim Tengel

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

Kim Tengel

P.O. Box 37
Southworth, WA 98386
360-535-4232
tengelkim@yahoo.com

Work experience:

Department of Children and Youth and Family Services, Program Consultant,

October 2023-Present

Author comprehensive, evidentiary reports to the court detailing institutional necessity, placement justification and long-term care plans.

Evaluate and determine eligibility for youth requiring Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (QRTF)

Collaborate with multidisciplinary teams, including legal, medical and behavioral health professionals, to protect and promote the child's best interests.

Supervisor with Department of Children, Youth and Family Service

September 2014-October 2023

Supervised a team of placement specialists and was the gate-keeper for crisis placement resources.

Designed and implemented training for caseworkers on how to write reports on children that were objective nonbiased or subjective interpretations of children and their behaviors. These reports were sent to foster parents for review prior to them accepting placement.

Was and advocated for foster parents and resolved conflicts that arose between the foster parent and the social worker.

Social Service Specialist placement desk Department of Children, Youth and Family Services

November, 2011 - September 2014

Find appropriate foster homes for dependent youth.

Advocate for foster parents to encourage retention

Mentor social workers on how to communicate the child's behaviors in a way that were objective and non-biased or subjective interpretations of child's behaviors.

Department of Youth and Family Services, Region 5 - *Social Service Specialist 3, Child and Family Welfare Specialist*

October 2007 - November 2011

Managed intensive child protective and family welfare caseloads focused on family reunification and/ or alternative permanent plans.

Drafted legally defensible court reports, declarations, and motions. Delivered expert testimony during dependency and permanency hearings.

Conducted health and safety assessment, monitored court-ordered services, compliance and investigated allegations of safety risk.

Assess the needs of the family and create referrals to services so that these needs are met.

Education:

Washington State University- 2005

Major in human development and a minor in psychology.

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I, Kim Tengel
(Professional License No. _____) 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.

Ki Tengel
Signature

6/18/2026
Date

Kim Tengel
Printed Name

6789 Banner Rd S.E
Street Address

Port Orchard WA 98367
City/State/Zip

Fee Schedule and Reimbursement Policy

Guardian ad Litem Services-Title 26 / RCW 11.130 Registry

GAL: Kim Tengel

P.O. Box 27 Southworth WA 98386

tengelkim@yahoo.com

Private Rate \$170.00 per hour for all case work, including file review, phone calls emails, interview, home visits, and report writing and administrative tasks. A 1,000 retainer prior to starting the case. The parties will be billed monthly.

Public Expense cases will be accepted at the standard rate set for by the Kitsap County Superior Court

Mileage: Personal vehicle mileage for out of count travel will be reimbursed at the standard IRS rate active at the time of travel

Public records and documents: The actual out of pocket cost to obtain necessary law enforcement records, medical chart, DCYF records or any other necessary records.

Photocopying internal printing and document copying will be billed at the rate of 0.15 per page.



Certificate of Attendance



_____ This certifies that _____

KIMBERLY TENGEL

attended the Washington State Title 26
Guardian ad Litem Certification Training held
via Zoom on June 5, 6, 12 and 13, 2026.

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Mindy Belhiba-Rovira
Executive Director
Kitsap Legal Aid Services

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Kelly Warner-King, JD
Administrative Office
of the Courts

THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
FOR KITSAP COUNTY

614 DIVISION STREET, MS-24
PORT ORCHARD, WASHINGTON 98366
(360) 337-7140

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

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 29, 2026

Ms. Kimberly Tengel
Kim Tengel GAL
P.O. Box 37
Southworth, WA 98386

Re: Kitsap County Superior Court Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Registry, 2026-2027

Dear Ms. Tengel:

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 2026 - 2027 Registry, effective July 1, 2026.

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