

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

Name: MARTHA WAKENSHAW, M.A., LMHC  
Business Name or Firm: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Address: 600 Winslow Way E. Suite 231  
City and State: Bainbridge Island, WA Zip Code: 98110  
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Email Address: Martha.wakenshaw@lmhc@gmail.com

☒ 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.

23 years as GAL / Snohomish Co And now Kitsap Co (10 years)  
Estimated @ 200 appointments - Licensed mental health counselor  
presented Intervening children (Kitsap Co 2021) 2023 Podcast for  
Bainbridge Youth Services - Parenting after divorce. Voted  
Family Law professional of the year 2018 by WSBA  
Dedicated to serving families of all cultures, races, genders, backgrounds

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 Snohomish Co. Title 26 training

9/15, 22, 26 (2021)  
please see attached  
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- ☐ 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.

*please see pg 1 of this app and c.v. have worked in all areas above except for conservatorship training in wv + experience. Relocation cases, Private Counseling practice - divorce, PTSD, grief + loss, affective disorder*

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 10 day of May, 2024, at Bainbridge Isd, Washington.

Martha Wakenshaw  
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

PRINT NAME: MARTHA WAKENSHAW

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



## 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, Martha Wakenshaw, M.A., LMHC  
(Professional License No. 4H00004619) 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.

Martha Wakenshaw  
Signature

05/10/2024  
Date

MARTHA WAKENSHAW  
Printed Name

600 Winslow Way E. Suite 231  
Street Address

Cambridge Island, WA 98110  
City/State/Zip

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**The Sterling Building**  
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**Bainbridge Island, Washington 98110**

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marthawakenshawlmhc@gmail.com

### **SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS**

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- Licensed Mental Health Counselor for 25 years (#LH 00004619)
- Parent Educator/Child, Adolescent, and Family Therapy
- Guardian ad Litem and Parenting Evaluator 17 years experience
- Former Director of Therapeutic Child Center/Childhaven
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Specialist
- Voted WSBA Family Law Professional of the Year 2018

### **EDUCATION**

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Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology, 1988, Seattle University, Seattle, WA

Merit Scholarship/Post Graduate Teaching Assistant, Seattle University 1988-1990

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, 1979, Connecticut College, New London, CT

Continuing Education including Mindfulness Stress Based Reduction, Domestic Violence Training, Ethics, Suicide Prevention training, CBT, and DBT.

### **CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

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**Martha Wakenshaw Counseling and Guardian ad Litem Services**  
600 Winslow Way East, Suite 135, Bainbridge Island, Washington 98110

#### **1991-present**

Child, Adolescent and Adult Therapist. Assessment and treatment of affective and developmental disorders, trauma, divorce, grief and loss, parenting skills training, anger and stress management. Crisis management and intervention. Modalities include Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, play therapy, Mindfulness based therapy, and family of origin and grief work, DBT. Expertise in child custody and divorce issues. Legal reports and testimony. Published author on divorce, posttraumatic stress, and other child and family therapy issues. Multicultural emphasis in treatment.

Guardian ad Litem/ Court-appointed Guardian ad Litem in Kitsap County. Developmentally-based parenting plans founded on the tenants of developmental psychology and legal issues in child custody evaluations. Research-based investigative methods. Trial Testimony. Reunification and family therapist. Excellent oral and written communication skills. Child Mental Health Specialist. Client base: children, adolescents, and adults.

#### **FORMER CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

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**Shoreline School District, Shoreline, Washington**  
**Head Start Family Advocate/Elementary Prevention and Intervention Specialist.** April 1992- August 1998

Formulated and facilitated divorce, parenting, social skills, and domestic violence groups. Interfaced with community agencies, schools, DSHS, and CPS. Legal reports and court testimony. Home visits. Case management for at-risk children. Case management with multi-cultural populations. Counseling and crisis management.

**Childhaven, John Wilson Branch, Seattle, Washington**  
**Case Manager/Director.** May 1989-April 1992

Supervised staff members and volunteers. Responsible for agency operations. Provided intake, assessment, and treatment for at-risk children birth to five. Facilitated weekly parenting group. Facilitated staff meetings. Interfaced with Seattle Children's Hospital Psychiatric Team consultation. Part of DSHS child abuse review team to determine case disposition. Program play therapist. Child abuse prevention advocate.

#### **CLINICAL RESEARCH**

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**Clinical Research Associate: University of Washington, Seattle, Washington**  
**Birth -to- Three Project with Dr. Jean Kelly.** April 2000-November 2000

Review of literature. Analysis of data re: early child development and low-income underserved populations. Home visits.

**Clinical Research Associate: Dr. Eliana Gil, Fairfax, Virginia.** December 2000-February 2001.

Review of literature on such topics as Posttraumatic Stress Disorder.

**Domestic Violence: How it Impact Children, Shoreline Head Start, Shoreline, WA.** January 1998- March 1998.



Grant recipient. Started program through Shoreline Head Start and Shoreline School District. Wrote grant and received grant through Shoreline Fire Department with matching grant from New Beginnings. Trained group leaders in curriculum.

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#### OTHER EXPERIENCE

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**DSHS Child and Family Services Research Assistant.** November 1986- March 1987  
**Seattle Mental Health Graduate Intern and School-Based Therapist.** January 1987- September 1987.

**Eastside Domestic Violence Program Professionally Trained Volunteer.** May 1999- August 1999

**Ryther Child Center Caseworker for at-risk adolescents.** May 1998-May 1999

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#### PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

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**Podcast: Parenting After Divorce. Bainbridge Youth Services, Bainbridge Island, WA.** This podcast was geared to co-parenting strategies and communication skills. It emphasized the different developmental ages and stages of children and teens and how parents can talk to their children and each other about divorce. November 2023.

**Presenter: Washington State Bar Association: Clients at the Crossroads: When Psychology meet Family Law.** This presentation detailed client mental health issues and issues of domestic violence and how attorneys might best work with and represent these clients. June 2018.

**Instructor: Child Development and Court Procedure.** This course covered topics that included: child development, child maltreatment, and working with CPS, writing court reports. The presentation was geared to family law attorneys. 2004

**NPR Interview: Child Development and Trauma,** "The Parent's Journal National Broadcast). May 2003

**Continuing Legal Education Presenter. Topic: How Guardian ad Litems and Attorneys can Increase Communication.** Snohomish County Superior Court. 2003

**Seattle's Child Parenting Magazine, Feature Article: "Parenting People."** Seattle, WA July 2002

**National Head Start Journal, Feature Article: "The Joy of Home Visiting,"** Washington D.C. 2002

**National Business Institute Seminar, Continuing Legal Education Presenter and Panelist. Topic: Child Custody and Visitation in Washington.** Seattle, WA, April 2002

**Northwest School for the Hearing Impaired, Topic: Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Staff Training.** Shoreline, WA, May 2002

**New Harbinger Publications. Author of Caring for Your Grieving Child: A Parent's Guide.** Berkeley, California, December 2002. The book assists and guides parents with specific exercises to help children that are grieving.

**Harbinger Press.** Semi-finalist for the Robert F. Kennedy Book Award for Social Justice, Short-listed for Benjamin Franklin Award for First Book; **This Child of Mine: A Therapist's Journey.** May 2001.

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#### **AWARDS and MEMBERSHIPS**

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**AWARD: Family Law Professional of the year 2018.** Washington State Bar Association.

**MEMBERSHIP: American Psychological Association.** January 2020-Present.

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#### **TRAININGS**

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**Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Training.** Superior Court of Washington, Snohomish County, Everett, WA. May 15, 22, and 26, 2001.

**Cognitive Processing Therapy: An Empirically- Based Therapy for PTSD and Depression for Adults.** Harborview Center for Sexual Assault and Traumatic Stress, Seattle, WA. March 22-23, 2010.

**The Arts of Mindfulness and Counseling Conference.** FACES Conferences. Seattle, WA. October 14-15, 2011.

**Family Law and Guardian ad Litem Issues.** Superior Court of Washington, Snohomish County. Everett, WA. December 7, 2012.

**Domestic Violence 101.** Universal Class Inc. January 12 – 13, 2012.

**Ethics and Self-Care Balancing our Lives and Reducing Risk.** American Psychological Association. October 2, 2013.



**Collaborative Law Training.** Seattle Collaborative Law Training Group, LLC.  
Seattle, WA. October 3-4, 2013.

**Suicide Assessment Workshop.** Randi Jensen, M.A., LMHC. Seattle, WA. May 1,  
2015.

**Balancing Risk Management and Practice for Therapists.** Wellspring Counseling,  
Seattle, WA. May 15, 2015.

**Reasoning with Unreasonable People: Focus on Disorders of Emotional  
Regulation.** Institute for Brain Potential. Seattle, WA. September 13, 2016.

**Guardian ad Litem Title 26 Update Trainings.** Superior Court of Washington,  
Kitsap County. Port Orchard, WA. May 21, 2014, May 21, 2015, April 13, 2016, April  
2017, April 10, 2018, May 14, 2019, April 28, 2021. May 2022, April 2023, May  
2024.

**Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction.** PESI May 9, 2021.

**The Ethics of Self-Care.** NW Expressive Arts Institute May 7, 2021.

**Trauma Informed Cognitive Behavioral Training and certificate.** Washington  
State Child Advocacy Center. April 2021.

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**TITLE 26 GUARDIAN AD LITEM FEE SCHEDULE 2024**

**RETAINER: \$4500.00**

**HOURLY FEE: \$200.00**



# CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

This certifies that

**MARTHA WAKENSHAW**

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*

Joanne E. Sprague  
Executive Director  
Kitsap Legal Services

*Jennifer Forbes*

Hon. Jennifer Forbes  
Presiding Judge  
Kitsap County Superior Court



# CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

Superior Court of the State of Washington  
for the County of Snohomish

This certificate has been presented to

**Martha Makenshaw**

in recognition of satisfactory completion of the


Snohomish County


Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Training Session,

held on

September 15, 22 and 26th, 2001.

Presented this 26th Day of September, 2001.

  
Guardian ad Litem Coordinator

  
Superior Court Judge

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May 11, 2021

Mr. Frank A. Maiocco, Jr.  
Court Administrator  
Kitsap County Superior Court  
614 Division Street, MS-24  
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Dear Mr. Maiocco:

This letter follows my letter of September 16, 2021 re: a complaint filed against me through the Washington State Department of Health on July 28, 2020 by the parent of two former clients (siblings).

The disposition of the complaint is that I signed a stipulation on May 5, 2021 that I will pay the WA State DOH a small fine and take 6 credits of continuing education in record-keeping. No other disciplinary action was taken.

Thank you,

Martha Wakenshaw, M.A., LMHC  
Guardian ad Litem

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September 16, 2020

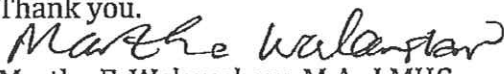
Mr. Frank A. Maiocco, Jr.  
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Dear Mr. Maiocco:

This letter is to inform you that a complaint was filed against me through the Washington State Department of Health on July 28, 2020 by a former client who alleged a failure to maintain records – specifically some client session notes. That is the extent of the allegations per a letter received from the department dated July 28, 2020.

I recently checked in with the department on the status of the complaint and it is pending. My license is fully intact and there has been no type of litigation or disciplinary action taken.

I will keep you up to date as I learn the outcome of the complaint.

Thank you.  
  
Martha E. Wakenshaw, M.A., LMHC  
Guardian ad Litem





STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
*Olympia, Washington 98504*

May 02, 2014

Martha Nelson Wakenshaw  
712 N 165th St  
Shoreline, WA 98133-5302

Subject: Case No: 2013-5681

Dear Martha Wakenshaw:

The Secretary of Health-Counselor Program has completed its investigation and review of this case.

We have closed this case without disciplinary action due to insufficient evidence.

We may reconsider this decision if we receive more relevant information or identify a pattern of similar complaints.

The person who filed this complaint has been notified of this decision. Under state law, you may submit a written statement. The statement will be included in the file.

You have the right to request any information contained in the file. If you would like a summary of the case or other materials in the file, please submit a written request for a copy to the Department of Health, Public Disclosure & Records Center, PO Box 47865, Olympia, WA 98504-7865 or fax to (360) 586-2171.

If you have questions, contact us at (360) 236-2620 or email at [hsqa.complaintintake@doh.wa.gov](mailto:hsqa.complaintintake@doh.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nathan Markiewicz".

Nathan Markiewicz  
Office of Customer Service  
Complaint Intake Unit

cc- Joseph Hunt

# Washington State Department of Health

By the authority of Chapter 18.225 RCW this person

**Martha Nelson Wakenshaw**



Status  
**ACTIVE**

Effective Date  
**04/26/2023**

Initial Issuance  
**07/22/2001**

Credential Number  
**LH 00004619**  
Expiration Date  
**06/01/2024**

  
Secretary

THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
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DEPARTMENT NO. 7  
CADINE FERGUSON-BROWN, JUDGE  
DEPARTMENT NO. 8  
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COURT ADMINISTRATOR

June 25, 2024

Ms. Martha Wakenshaw, MA, LMHC  
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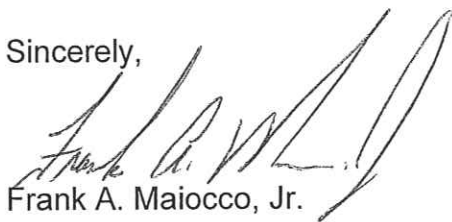
Re: Kitsap County Superior Court Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Registry, 2024-2025

Dear Ms. Wakenshaw:

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