

**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: 47579
- ☒ 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 minor children since 2009, first in Virginia (six years), and then in Washington (10 years). I have been appointed in hundreds of cases over the past fifteen years in various types of actions. I have presented at statewide and local GAL training programs.

I have served as court visitor in 11 minor guardianship actions.

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: None.

- ☐ 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 (this program is not yet available)

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 completed various trainings on the above-referenced topics over the last 15 years.

In Virginia, I served as GAL for adults that lacked capacity. In Washington, I serve as a Title 4 GAL for adults. I developed the model training handbook/program for Court visitors and GALs in minor guardianship actions.

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 26th day of June, 2024, at Bremerton, Washington.



SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

PRINT NAME: Amanda Williamson

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**

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

University of Washington, School of Education

Bachelor of Arts, Early Childhood and Family Studies, December 2018

University of Richmond School of Law, Richmond, Virginia

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, May 2008

Honors: Nina R. Kestin Service Award; Public Interest Law Association Pro Bono Service Award

Capital University Law School, Columbus Ohio

Summer Adoption Law Institute

Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington

Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy and Political Science, May 2005

Honors: Pi Sigma Alpha – National Political Science Honor Society; Phi Alpha Theta – National History Honor Society.

Kitsap Dispute Resolution Center, Silverdale, Washington – 40-hour Conflict Management and Mediation Training

Thurston County Dispute Resolution Center, Olympia, Washington – 20 hour Family Law Mediation Training

YWCA of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia – Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocacy Training

Seattle Children's Hospital, Seattle, Washington – Youth Mental Health First Aid Training – 06/17/2019

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Training and Education

- Trauma informed interventions in Parent-Child Contact Cases – 06/04/2020
- Innovative Psycho-judicial Responses to Resist-Refusal Cases – 06/23/2020

Virginia Continuing Legal Education Courses

- Professionalism Course – 3/19/2008
- 25th Annual Advanced Family Law Seminar – 04/24/2009
- Representation of Incapacitated Persons – 06/05/2009
- Representation of Children as a Guardian ad Litem – 06/30/2009
- State of the Family – 09/13/2009
- Understanding Your Role as a Guardian ad Litem – 05/13/2011
- 30th Annual Family Law Seminar – 10/20/2011
- Current Ethical Dilemmas in Family Law – 12/20/2011
- 28th Annual Advanced Family Law Seminar – 04/26/2012
- 31st Annual Family Law Seminar – 10/16/2012
- Interpreting All That Psychobabble – 10/22/2013

Washington State Bar Continuing Legal Education Courses

- Family Law Training (2 hours) – 08/20/2014
- Title 26 Family Law Guardian ad litem Certification Training – 02/25/2015
- Title 26 Guardian ad litem Recertification Training – 2016 through 2024 (each year)
- 2019 Family Law Section Midyear Meeting and Conference – 06/21/2019- 06/23/2019
- Kitsap Bar CLE – 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023

- New Title 11 Minor Guardianship Law RCW 11.130 replacing RCW 26.10 Non-Parental Custody – 11/13/2020
- King County Bar Association, UGA Minor Guardianships: Where Do We Go From Here? – 12/01/2020
- King County Bar Association, Uniform Guardianship Act: Minor Guardianship Training – 04/27/2021
- Attorney Training for Pro Tem Judge in District and Municipal Court – 02/25/21, 3/05/21, and 03/12/21
- Kitsap County Bar Association, The Intersection of Criminal and Dependency Law and Procedure – 03/04/22

WORK EXPERIENCE

King County Superior Court

Pro Temp Commissioner – Ex Parte Department, January 2023-present

- Preside over various ex parte matters in the King County Superior Court (two to three times a month), to include, but not limited to, civil protections orders, approval of minor settlements and accountings for adult guardianships, probate matters, unlawful detainer actions, and minor guardianships.

Williamson Law Group, PLLC

Attorney and Owner, April 2015-present

- Provide representation to clients in various family law matters, including but not limited to dissolution proceedings, parentage actions, adoptions, protection orders and support proceedings. Serve as a Title 26 Guardian ad litem for children in various actions.

Kitsap Safe Space Family and Visitation Services

Owner and Visit Supervisor, June 2022-present

- Own and operate a business that provides supervision services to parents that are subject to court orders that require supervised visitation.
- Manage and coordinate contractors to serve as supervisors for parent visitation and exchanges.
- Occasionally provide supervision for visits, and provide notes based on my observations.

Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, Aging and Long-Term Support

Contractor/ Content Developer, May 2023-June 30, 2023

- Developed content for the UGA Model GAL and Court Visitor training program.
- Utilized the materials created by the Minors Advisory group and collaborated with DSHS, to ensure the model training program was delivered by June 30, 2023, in accordance with statutory mandates.

The Law Office of Thomas S. Olmstead and Associates

Associate Attorney, July 2014-March 2015

- Provided representation to clients in various family law matters, including but not limited to dissolution proceedings, parentage actions, adoptions, protection orders and support proceedings.

The Law Offices of Amanda Anne Reid, PLC

Owner, April 2011 – March 2014

- Provided representation to clients in various family law matters, including but not limited to custody, visitation and support proceedings, divorce actions, adoptions (stepparent, agency, and private), protective orders, petitions for guardianship, and proceedings involving the department of social services.
- Provided representation to clients, adults and juveniles, in criminal misdemeanor and felony cases.
- Served as a certified guardian ad litem for children in custody/visitation, adoption, CHINS, and dependency proceedings.

Strickland Kurylo, PLC

Associate, February 2010 – April 2011

- Provided representation to clients in various family law matters as set forth above.
- Provided representation to clients in criminal proceedings as set forth above.
- Served as a certified guardian ad litem for children as set forth above.

Rappahannock Legal Services

Staff Attorney, October 2008 – February 2010

- Provided representation to clients in various civil proceeding including family law and housing matters.
- Provided representation to clients in social security disability and unemployment hearings.
- Served as a certified guardian ad litem for children as set forth above.

Kitsap County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Port Orchard, Washington

Rule 9 Intern, Summer 2007

- Handled misdemeanor cases under the supervision of the prosecuting attorneys at various levels of the proceedings, including, pretrial, motions hearings, preliminary hearings, and trial.

City Attorney, Richmond, Virginia

Extern, Fall 2007

- Handled various cases on behalf of the Richmond Department of Social Services in Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court, including emergency removal hearings, foster care review hearings, permanency planning hearings, and termination of parental rights hearings.

Washington State Department of Social Services - Division of Child & Family Services, Spokane, Washington

Case Aide Visitation Supervisor, 2003-2005

- Monitored and supervised court ordered visitations between parents and children involved in dependency proceedings.
- Documented interactions between parents and children and report to social workers.

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATIONS

Title 26 Certified Guardian ad litem for children, Washington (March 2015-present)

Washington State Bar Association – Active Member (July 2014 to present)

Youth Mental Health First Aid Certification, Seattle Children's Hospital (June 2019)

Virginia State Bar – Active Member (October 2008 to October 2014); Associate Member (October 2014 to September 2023)

Certified Guardian ad litem for children and incapacitated adults, Commonwealth of Virginia (2009-2014)

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Commission on Children and Youth Advisory Board, Board Member (November 2023 to present))

Kitsap Legal Services, Volunteer Attorney (2016 to present); Board Member (April 2024 to present)

Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County, Volunteer Presenter (2021-2023) and mediator (2015/2016)

CSTOCK (Central Stage Theater of the County of Kitsap), Board Member (2019 to present)

KCMT (Kitsap Children's Musical Theater), Parent Volunteer (February 2023 to present) and Grant Writer (October 2023 to present))

Rappahannock Legal Services, Board Member (2010-2013) and Volunteer Attorney (2010-2014)

Big Brothers Big Sisters, Mentor (2010)

Youth Life Center, Mentor and After-school Tutor (2006-2008)

Richmond School District, ESOL Tutor (2008)

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, Amanda Williamson (Professional License No. 47579)
herby 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.



06/26/2024

Signature

Date

Amanda Williamson

Printed Name

409 Pacific Ave, Suite 303

Street Address

Bremerton, WA 98337

City/State/Zip

AMANDA ANNE WILLIAMSON

GUARDIAN AD LITEM

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FEE SCHEDULE – Effective July 1, 2024

Retainer: \$3,500/\$5,000 (dependent on the case)

Hourly rate for services performed as GAL: \$250.00

Hourly rate for travel, scheduling of interviews and records requests: \$100.00

The following expenses will be billed against the retainer:

- Fees relating to requests for criminal histories, including WATCH reports
- Fees relating to record requests (school, medical, etc.)
- Mileage at federal rate
- Copies at .10/page

Retainer shall be paid in its entirety prior to commencement of services, unless there is a written agreement stating otherwise. If, following the completion of the final report, a trial date is scheduled, an additional retainer of \$1,500.00 shall be paid at least 30 days prior to the scheduled trial date.

Monthly invoices shall be sent to all parties. Invoices shall include all time billed against the retainer and any expenses incurred for the prior month. Invoices reflect the total amounts billed and /or owed, *not* each party's respective share. Should the parties exceed the retainer during the pendency of the investigation, any outstanding balance should thereafter be paid in full monthly. Should the parties fail to pay any past due balances, a motion shall be made to the court to authorize additional fees. Should the parties fail to pay fees as set forth herein, work on the matter will cease.

Professional Complaints, Investigations, and/or Disciplinary Actions

A grievance was filed against me in March of 2017 with the Washington State Bar Association by a relative of a party in a divorce proceeding in which I was the GAL for the minor children. The grievance was dismissed without the necessity of a response on my part, or further investigation by the bar. I continued to serve as GAL in the action. No disciplinary action was taken.

A grievance was filed against me (in my capacity as an attorney) in January of 2018 with the Washington State Bar Association by an unrepresented opposing party in a divorce proceeding. The grievance was dismissed without the necessity of a response on my part, or further investigation by the bar. No disciplinary action was taken.

A grievance was filed against me (in my capacity as an attorney) in May of 2018 by a former client. The grievance was dismissed without the necessity of a response on my part, or further investigation by the bar. No disciplinary action was taken.

An administrative grievance was filed against me in May of 2019 with the Kitsap County Superior Court Guardian ad Litem Committee by a party in a divorce proceeding in which I was GAL for the minor child. The grievance was reviewed by the committee and dismissed. No disciplinary action was taken.

A grievance was filed against me in September of 2020 with the Washington State Bar Association by a party in a divorce proceeding in which I was GAL for the minor children. On March 25, 2021, the WSBA determined that there was insufficient evidence to prove unethical conduct on my part and the grievance was dismissed. Prior to the filing of the grievance I had requested that the court discharge me from my role as GAL in the matter, but that request was denied. Following the filing of the grievance, I again requested that I be discharged as GAL in the matter, and that request was granted.

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

June 26, 2024

JENNIFER A. FORBES, JUDGE
DEPARTMENT NO. 7
CADINE FERGUSON-BROWN, JUDGE
DEPARTMENT NO. 8

MATTHEW L. CLUCAS
COURT COMMISSIONER
LYNN K. FLEISCHBEIN
COURT COMMISSIONER
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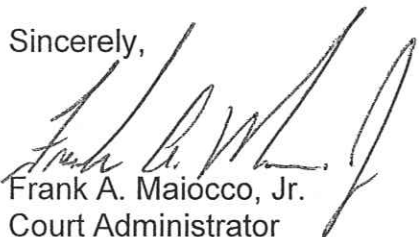
Re: Kitsap County Superior Court Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Registry, 2024-2025

Dear Ms. Williamson:

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 2024 - 2025 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

STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT (DCS)

Guardian Ad Litem Annual Background Verification

The guardian ad litem registry in Kitsap County, Washington, verifies the following:

1. Amanda Williamson (name) is on the guardian ad litem registry for the above listed county.
2. The county guardian ad litem registry maintains a background information record for each guardian ad litem, in accordance with RCW 26.12.175(3). The background information record is processed prior to initial appointment, and is reviewed annually by the county guardian ad litem registry.
3. On _____ (date), the guardian ad litem registry of this county completed a background information review for the above-listed individual.
4. No negative or disqualifying actions were found which might cause the court to reasonably believe that the guardian ad litem could be deemed inappropriate or unqualified to be contracted by the Department of Social and Health Services, Division of Child Support to provide guardian ad litem services in the above-listed county.

6/13/24
DATE SIGNED

Frank A. Maiocco, Jr.
SIGNATURE OF COUNTY GAL REGISTRY PROGRAM MANAGER

Frank A. Maiocco, Jr.
PRINTED NAME

Superior Court Administrator
POSITION/JOB TITLE

614 Division Street, MS-24
ADDRESS

Port Orchard, WA 98366
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

(360) 337-7140, Ext. 3305
TELEPHONE NUMBER

Return this completed form to:
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DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT
PO BOX 9162
OLYMPIA WA 98507-9162

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