

Superior Court of the State of Washington
for Snohomish County

GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM
SNOHOMISH COUNTY COURTHOUSE
3000 Rockefeller Avenue M/S 502
Everett, WA 98201-4060

RE: **RCW 11.130.155 GAL/COURT VISITOR REGISTRY APPLICATION**

Dear Applicant:

To be considered for our RCW 11.130.155 GAL/Court Visitor Registry, originals of the following must be submitted by mail or hand-delivered to the address below:

1. Application Form (attached – pages 1-7).
2. Oath of Guardian ad Litem/Court Visitor (attached – pages 8).
3. Initialed Scope of Work and Code of Conduct (attached – Pages 9-11).
4. Confidential Application and Release Form (attached – page 12).
5. Your résumé/CV.
6. Proof of Title 11.130 GAL approved mandatory annual recertification training for renewal applications or mandatory initial training for new applications, or agreement to engage in such training if it is not yet developed.
7. Form W-9 (available at www.irs.gov).

Additionally, please make sure to download and read the following:

8. [Snohomish County Guardian ad Litem Administrative Policies.](#)
9. [Washington State GALRs and Snohomish County SCLGALRs.](#)

Please mail the completed applications **with all attachments** and original signatures to:

Andrew Somers
Programs Administrator
Snohomish County Superior Court
3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S 502
Everett, Washington 98201

Thank you for your interest in serving as a RCW 11.130.155 Guardian Ad Litem and/or Court Visitor for Snohomish County Superior Court.

Enclosures

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT RCW 11.130.155 GAL/COURT VISITOR
APPLICATION**

The following information provided by you will be made available to the public for review:

Name: _____

Business Name or Firm: _____

Business Address: _____

City and State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Business Phone: (_____) _____ Fax: (_____) _____

Alternate Phone: (_____) _____ *(This will not be kept confidential.)*

Email address: _____

WSBA or Washington State Certificate (if applicable) #: _____

1. I hereby apply to serve as a (please check one or both):

RCW 11.130.155 Guardian ad Litem

RCW 11.130.155 Court Visitor

2. I have never been convicted of a felony or a crime involving theft, dishonesty, or moral turpitude. **Must initial:** _____

3. My formal education is included in my resume/CV or set forth as follows:

4. I have completed the model training program required by RCW 11.130.155 and have provided proof of the same with this application am willing to complete the model training program required by RCW 11.130.155.

5. I have attended the following Title 26 GAL Training(s):

Date: _____ County/Sponsor: _____

Date: _____ County/Sponsor: _____

Date: _____ County/Sponsor: _____

Date: _____ County/Sponsor: _____

Date: _____ County/Sponsor: _____

6. I have attended the following Title 13 GAL/CASA Training(s):

Date: _____ County/Sponsor: _____

Date: _____ County/Sponsor: _____

Date: _____ County/Sponsor: _____

Date: _____ County/Sponsor: _____

7. I have attended the following Title 11 GAL training(s):

Date: _____ County/Sponsor: _____

Date: _____ County/Sponsor: _____

Date: _____ County/Sponsor: _____

Date: _____ County/Sponsor: _____

8. I have attended the following Court Visitor training(s):

Date: _____ State/County/Sponsor: _____

Date: _____ State/County/Sponsor: _____

Date: _____ State/County/Sponsor: _____

Date: _____ State/County/Sponsor: _____

9. I have the following number of years of experience as a:

- Title 11 GAL: _____
- Title 13 GAL/CASA: _____
- Title 26 GAL: _____
- Court Visitor: _____

10. I have received the following number of appointments and the county or counties of appointment as a:

- Title 11 GAL: _____
- Title 13 GAL/CASA: _____
- Title 26 GAL: _____
- Court Visitor: _____

11. The following is a statement of my criminal history, if any, as defined by RCW 9.94A.030:

12. The following is a statement of my knowledge, training, and experience in each of the following areas: (i) the needs of impaired elderly people; (ii) physical disabilities; (iii) mental illness; (iv) developmental disabilities; (v) substance use disorder; (vi) the developmental needs and levels of children; and (vi) other areas related to the needs of persons subject to guardianship or conservatorship, legal procedure, and the requirements RCW 11.130. I have attached additional pages as necessary. *(Please do not refer to your résumé/CV as part of your response).*

13. The following is a list of all grievances found against me, and all GAL, CASA, or Court Visitor registries from which I have been removed for cause, including the County, case number, and date for each instance:

14. The following is a statement of the extent of liability coverage in force covering any errors, omissions and acts of professional negligence (provide name of company and policy limits):

15. 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 suspension; removal or suspension from any county's GAL Registry; the suspension or revocation of my professional license; and/or to the filing of criminal charges for a felony or crime involving allegations of theft, dishonesty or moral turpitude. **Must initial:** _____

16. The following **must** be included with this application (**check the item below to acknowledge inclusion with your application**):

Copy of the certificate from the training provider evidencing successful completion of the mandatory training

Résumé/curriculum vitae, showing work and professional or personal

experience in or related to the work of a RCW 11.130.155 Guardian ad Litem or Court Visitor

- Completed and signed statements regarding professional complaints, investigations, or disciplinary actions and claims or litigation (pages 5 and 6 of this application).
- Signed acknowledgment and agreement to be bound by the Court's policies regarding compensation (page 7 of this application)
- Signed Oath of Guardian ad Litem (page 8 of this application).
- Signed release of information directed to all professional regulatory bodies, which have licensed or supervised the applicant within the last ten (10) years (page 10 of this application).

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

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20_, at

(City and State)

Signature of Applicant

PROFESSIONAL COMPLAINTS, INVESTIGATIONS OR DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

(Please check mark one box below.)

Description of the nature, status and outcome of any professional complaints, investigations, including CPS investigations, or disciplinary actions, lawsuits or professional liability claims, and any order for removal as Guardian ad Litem prior to completion of Guardian ad Litem duties. Please provide summary and outcome only and attach additional pages if needed.

I affirm that there have been no professional complaints, investigations, including CPS investigations, or disciplinary actions, lawsuits or professional liability claims and any order for removal as Guardian ad Litem prior to completion of Guardian ad Litem duties.

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

Date: _____

Signature

Print Name

CLAIMS OR LITIGATION

(Please check mark one box below.)

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. Please provide summary and outcome only and attach additional pages if needed.

I affirm that there have been no claims or litigation involving allegations of improper fee charges, charges of fraud, theft or other forms of dishonesty or professional malpractice or misconduct.

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

Date: _____

Signature

Print Name

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND BY THE COURT'S
POLICIES REGARDING COMPENSATION**

Appointed Guardians ad Litem and Court Visitors are responsible for managing their assigned cases within the scope and fee scales set by the bench. All bills must be timely and itemized with a copy of the Order Appointing the Guardian ad Litem or Court Visitor submitted at the time of billing.

The order of appointment for a particular case will include the number of initial hours authorized. Requests for additional hours up to a maximum of 26 hours per case must be in writing and shall be directed to that judicial officer or the judicial officer hearing the case. All excess fees beyond the 26 hour maximum must be pre-approved through written request to the presiding judge or their designee.

I certify that I have read and agree to be bound by the Court's policies in cases in which compensation is sought at public expense. Currently, the rate for County cases is set at: \$50/hour up to 26 hours maximum, including costs.

Date: _____

Signature

Print Name

OATH OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM OR COURT VISITOR

I am on the Guardian ad Litem and/or Court Visitor Registry for Snohomish County. Whenever appointed to act as Guardian ad Litem or Court Visitor, I will perform all duties required of me by law and by order or rule of the Snohomish County Superior Court. By my signature below and my initials on the attached, I acknowledge I have read the attached Snohomish County Superior Court Guardian Ad Litem Code of Conduct and Guardian ad Litem and Court Visitor Scope of Services and understand and agree to be bound and will abide by the same.

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

Date: _____

Signature

Printed Name

Business Address

City and State

Zip Code

(_____)_____
Business Telephone Number

SNOHOMISH COUNTY GUARDIAN AD LITEM AND COURT VISITOR SCOPE OF WORK

The following description of a Guardian ad Litem's responsibilities and actions is presented as an outline of the various actions that may be required. An individual case may not require all of the activities enumerated.

- a. Interview the petitioner and the minor
- b. Ascertain the minor's needs and best interest and file a report with the court regarding those needs and interests
- c. Investigate any other matter relating to the petition the court directs

The following description of a Court Visitor's responsibilities and actions is presented as an outline of the various actions that may be required. An individual case may not require all of the activities enumerated.

- a. Interview the petitioner and the minor
- b. Meet with the minor and explain the rights retained by the minor as outlined in the notice requirements under RCW 11.130.195
- c. Ascertain the minor's views or positions regarding the guardianship and file a report with the court regarding the minor's views or positions
- d. Inform the court if the minor wishes the court to reconsider any prior order limiting information served upon the minor
- e. Ascertain whether or not the parent can be located with due diligence if the petitioner alleges the parent cannot be located
- f. Investigate any other matter relating to the petition the court directs
- g. Ascertain whether the parent consents to the guardian for the minor

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY GUARDIAN AD LITEM REGISTRY
CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. The Guardian ad Litem shall represent the best interests of the persons for whom he or she is appointed.
2. The Guardian ad Litem shall make a reasonable inquiry as to the facts and issues in dispute and shall decline the appointment if the Guardian ad Litem is not qualified, competent or able to complete the matter in a timely manner. The Guardian ad Litem shall locate professional resources as necessary to assist in the Guardian ad Litem's evaluation and recommendations.
3. The Guardian ad Litem shall maintain the ethical principles of the Guardian ad Litem's own profession.
4. The Guardian ad Litem shall remain qualified for the registry to which the Guardian ad Litem is appointed and shall promptly advise the court of any grounds for disqualification or unavailability to serve.
5. The Guardian ad Litem shall maintain independence and objectivity in the Guardian ad Litem investigation.
6. The Guardian ad Litem shall avoid any actual or apparent conflict of interest or impropriety in the conduct of Guardian ad Litem duties. The Guardian ad Litem shall avoid self-dealing or association from which the Guardian ad Litem might directly or indirectly benefit, other than for compensation as Guardian ad Litem. The Guardian ad Litem shall take action immediately to resolve any potential conflict or impropriety. The Guardian ad Litem shall advise the court and the parties of action taken, or resign from the matter, as may be necessary to resolve the conflict or impropriety.
7. The Guardian ad Litem shall treat the parties with respect, courtesy, fairness and good faith, regardless of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, cultural heritage, gender, age, education, economic status, marital status, sexual orientation or disability.
8. The Guardian ad Litem shall inform the court concerning all relevant information disclosed or made available to the Guardian ad Litem.
9. The Guardian ad Litem shall not guarantee or create the impression that any portion of the investigation will remain confidential.
10. The Guardian ad Litem shall maintain the privacy of the parties, and shall make no disclosures about the case or investigation except in reports to the court or as necessary to perform the duties of the Guardian ad Litem.

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY GUARDIAN AD LITEM REGISTRY
CODE OF CONDUCT**

11. The Guardian ad Litem shall perform duties in a prompt and timely manner. The Guardian ad Litem shall maintain adequate documentation to substantiate recommendations and conclusions. The Guardian ad Litem shall keep complete and contemporaneous records of actions taken and the time and expense incurred.

12. The Guardian ad Litem shall report to law enforcement and/or Child Protective Services any child abuse or neglect as defined in RCW 26.44 or adult abuse as defined in RCW 74.34 as found by him or her.

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY GUARDIAN AD LITEM
CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION AND RELEASE**

The information provided by you on this page will be kept in a separate file due to confidentiality. For criminal history check purposes, please provide:

Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
(including middle name)

Maiden Name: _____ All Aliases: _____

Driver's License #: _____ Email Address: _____
(***mandatory***)

Address: _____ Telephone #: _____
_____ Fax #: _____
Zip Code

RELEASE
(To be enclosed with your application)

TO:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Washington State Patrol | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Washington State Courts |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Washington State Bar Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington State Medical Association |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Washington State Nursing Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington Board of Psychology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Washington State Department of Licensing | |

I, _____, (Professional License No.: _____),
hereby authorize you for the purpose of my application and/or work as a Snohomish County
Guardian ad Litem, to release information to and discuss such information with:

Programs Administrator
Snohomish County Superior Court
3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S 502
Everett, WA 98201

This RELEASE includes, but is not limited to, all records and information concerning any
official disciplinary action or any pending active investigation you have with regard to me.

Signature/Date