

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

Name: Patricia Wyant

Business Name or Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: P.O. Box 286

City and State: Port Orchard, WA Zip Code: 98366

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Email Address: trishw.gal.casa@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.

Two years on the Kitsap County GAL registry appointed to 4 family law cases and 2 Minor Guardianship cases.

4.5 years experience as a CSA with 6 appointments.

15 plus years as a Family Law Paralegal assisting families through divorce, custody and parentage.

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

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.

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I have completed the Minor Guardianship training in 2021. In addition to this training, both my children had childhood developmental disabilities, which required special parental training to better assist me in caring for my children and help them succeed at becoming productive members of Society.

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I have also had experience with navigating schools IEP process.

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I am not on any registry for the elderly and have no training or experience in this area.

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I have no specific training for persons with physical disabilities.

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I am currently in the process of continuing my education with a focus in psychology, in which I have had education in mental health disorders.

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 30th day of May, 2023, at Port Orchard, Washington.

  
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

PRINT NAME: Patricia Wyant

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](mailto:fmaiocco@co.kitsap.wa.us)**



## **PATRICIA E. WYANT**

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### **PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

Experienced Paralegal with over 15+ years assisting clients navigate through complex and sometimes emotionally difficult life changes. Four years' experience as a Court Special Advocate (C-SA). Open-minded to all various forms of traditional and non-traditional family structures. Committed to providing families with an unbiased, third-party professional, that will gather factual information to assist families in constructing a parenting plan that is in the best interest of the children.

### **KEY COMPETENCES**

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#### **Court Appointed Special Advocate (CSA)**

- ⊕ Accepted appointment as volunteer CSA on six cases to assist the Kitsap County Juvenile Department in advocating for the best interest of children through their dependency cases.
- ⊕ During the process of my appointments, I maintain consistent communication with the child(ren) both in person and/or via Zoom. I conduct walk-throughs of the possible placement or parent homes for safety and any possible risk of harm to the child(ren). I communicate frequently with the foster parents of the child(ren) or the parents if the child(ren) are in an in-home dependency. If necessary, I interview teachers, counselors, and other persons known to the child(ren) as necessary.
- ⊕ I report to the court in both written reports and verbally during court hearings. I have reported back to the court successfully throughout my five years as a volunteer C-SA with no known complaints about my reports or testimony.
- ⊕ Experience with providing testimony in court hearings and at termination trials.

#### **Legal**

- ⊕ Well versed in all procedures of Family Law, Dependencies, and Bankruptcy Law procedures. Familiar with Civil Litigation, Personal Injury, Adoptions, and Simple Wills.
- ⊕ Provide legal/administrative support to multiple attorneys drafting various court documents such as petitions, motions, and declarations for different areas of law as well as general office correspondence.
- ⊕ Schedule and maintain attorneys' calendar of appointments, meetings, court hearings, and trials through Outlook, Google calendar, and MyCase legal programs.
- ⊕ Knowledgeable in using and filing documents with Kitsap, Mason, King and Pierce County Superior Courts, U.S. District and the Bankruptcy Courts ECF Systems.

#### **Office/Administrative**

- ⊕ Establish and maintained excellent working relationships with clients and other professionals on every level. Often act as liaison between attorneys and clients. Excel in dealing with difficult people while maintaining my own professionalism.
- ⊕ Manage and maintain office and equipment supply, office filing and file management.
- ⊕ Answer multi-line phone system with courtesy and professional communication, screen, field and direct calls to appropriate attorney.

## Personal

- ⊕ Raised two boys diagnosed at early age with ADHD. Understand the difficulty parents may face with behavioral issues, medicating a young child, navigating the school's Individualized Education (IEP) or 504 Plans, and many other stressors that accompany diagnosis.
- ⊕ Navigating through various forms of occupational therapy for son with Sensory Processing Disorder - the receiving of senses is not organized into an appropriate response, causing a child to act in an inappropriate manner over what may be something simple as stitch in a shirt.
- ⊕ Personal experience with teenagers who live alternative lifestyles. Also familiar with various types of sexual and gender identifications, while remaining open-minded and unbiased to the needs and desires of the teenagers' self-identifications.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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⊕ Yelish Law, PLLC	Paralegal	2019 – Present
⊕ Newbry Law	Paralegal	2018-2019
⊕ David Gates Law Inc., P.S.	Paralegal	2017-2018
⊕ Bishop, Cunningham & Andrews, Inc., P.S.	Paralegal	2008-2017

## EDUCATION

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- ⊕ Currently attending Tacoma Community college with a focus towards obtaining a Bachelor's degree in Psychology.
- ⊕ Denver Business College (AAS), Honolulu, Hawaii (1996-1997). Specialization: Medical Office Administration
- ⊕ High School Diploma from Bremerton High School (1995)

## TRAINING/CONTINUED LEARNING EDUCATION (CLE's)

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⊕ Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Recertification Training	May 2023
⊕ Children's Justice Conference	April 2023
⊕ Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Recertification Training	April 2021-22
⊕ Minor Guardianship Training (RCW 11.130)	April 2021
⊕ Washington Association of Child Advocate Programs 4 <sup>th</sup> annual ICWA Institute training session	February 2021
⊕ Children's Justice Conference	May 2019
⊕ Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Training	January 2018
⊕ Title 26 Guardian ad Litem training	March 8, 2018

## 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, Patricia E. Wyant  
(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.

Patricia E. Wyant  
Signature

5-31-23  
Date

Patricia E. Wyant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

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Fee Schedule

Retainer - \$2,500.00, must be paid in full before work begins

Hourly rate - \$120.00.

Expenses – At cost

Mileage/travel – time for travel will be billed.

Postage – At cost, as required.

Photocopies - \$0.25/per page

NSF checks - \$50.00 fee

CC Fees- If a party requests to pay their retainer or invoices by credit card, the credit card fee will be added to the next billing cycle. If both parties are responsible for GAL fees, the person who pays by credit card (if only one) will be responsible for the processing fees incurred.

Order appointing GAL should authorize an additional \$2,500 in fees without court approval.  
Trial/deposition fees - \$1,000.00 retainer due thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled trial date.

Time keeping and billing will be provided to the parties on a monthly basis. Any amounts exceeding the retainer balance must be paid within 10 days of billing date.

Final report to the court will be provided when all current fees and expenses have been paid in full. Any unused retainer balance will be refunded promptly to the person who has paid the fee.

Please contact me before requesting a court appointment.



**CERTIFICATE  
OF  
ATTENDANCE**

This certifies that

**PATRICIA WYANT**

attended the Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Recertification Training Online via Zoom  
on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

This course has been approved for 5.75 CLE credits: 2.00 Law and Legal, and 3.75 Other  
(Nexus) by the WSBA.

Joanne E. Sprague  
Executive Director  
Kitsap Legal Services

Hon. Jennifer Forbes  
Presiding Judge  
Kitsap County Superior Court



# Certificate of Attendance

Washington State Department of Children, Youth & Families

Patricia Wyant

FOR COMPLETING 10.75 HOURS OF TRAINING AT THE  
TWENTY EIGHTH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CONFERENCE,  
APRIL 18-19, 2023.

*Paul W. Seabaugh*  
CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CONFERENCE  
DIRECTOR

APRIL 19, 2023



# Certificate of Completion

King County Bar Association

## Patricia Wyant

2021 King County  
RCW 11.130 Minor Guardianship Training

**Certification via Webcast – April 27, 2021**

**4.25 Law and Legal and 1.25 Ethics, Total of 6.00 CLE Credits  
Approval #116 5626**



Denise Medlock, Senior Manager, Continuing Legal Education  
King County Bar Association

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

Patricia Wyant

attended the following sessions of the  
Washington Association of Child Advocate Programs  
**4TH ANNUAL ICWA INSTITUTE**  
held February 19 – 26, 2021,  
10 AM - noon

					Closing Remarks	
NICWA Part I February 19, 2021	✓	NICWA Part II February 22, 2021	✓	ICWA and WICWA Laws February 23, 2021	✓	Justice Montoya-Lewis February 26, 2021
				Relative Search & NAIR February 24, 2021	✓	
				Putting it all together February 25, 2021	✓	



Laura Lee Bentle  
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WACAP ICWA Institute Chair