

**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: _____

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.

25 years - Attorney in Colorado & Wyoming. Colorado: 100+ appointments as Denver Juvenile Court GAL and Child & (Domestic Relations) Family Investigator. Washington State Appointments: 21- Title 26 GAL (Kitsap); 16 - GAL in Family Court (Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe); 7 - Title 26 GAL (Snohomish); 2 - Title 26 GAL (Jefferson); 1 Clallam County Child Support Title 11 Minor Guardianships - 4 GAL & 3 Court Visitor

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

- 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 May, 2023, at Kingston, Washington.



SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

PRINT NAME: Boni Cherelle

Please mail, deliver or email the completed application, with all attachments, to:

**ATTN: Court Administrator
Kitsap County Superior Court
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Port Orchard, WA 98366
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Experience

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal Court	Admitted 03/18/2015
Suquamish Tribal Court	Admitted 10/29/2014
Colorado State Bar	Admitted 10/13/1998
Wyoming State Bar	Admitted 08/31/1989
U.S. District Court for the District of Wyoming	Admitted 1989
U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Colorado	Admitted 2003

Experience

Mentor Mediator – Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County	2019 - present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Assist mediator interns with developing 40-hour basic mediation skills	
Contract Trainer – King County Dispute Resolution Center, Seattle, WA	2018 - 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Conflict resolution training for 40-hour Basic Mediation Training & Cohort Groups	
Coach – Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County, Silverdale, WA	2018 - present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Coach training participants in mediation skills during practice sessions	
Child Advocate Program Manager and Staff Guardian ad Litem	2017 – present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal Court	
Civil Advice Clinic - Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe	01/2015 – 07/2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Provide civil advice and assistance for tribal community members at a monthly clinic	
Mediator - Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe	11/2015 – present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Provide mediation services for Tribal Court Services	
Guardian Ad Litem – Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Child in Need of Care/Guardianship Appointment	04/2016
Conduct home studies and report to Tribal Community Court	
Social Security Disability Attorney	11/2014 – 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Assist clients with initial social security disability claims from initial application through administrative appeals process	
Guardian Ad Litem – Washington Superior Courts	Kitsap 07/2012 – Present
Title 26 RCW Registries	Snohomish 08/2014 – Present
	Jefferson 05/2015 - 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Investigation/child advocacy/court report writing in parenting plans, parentage and relocation cases (completed cases in Kitsap and Clallam Counties) in accordance with Washington State statutory requirements	
Guardian Ad Litem – WA Dept of Social and Human Services 2013 - present	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Contract to provide investigation and report services in parentage cases in Washington Superior Courts as appointed	
Certified Mediator Practitioner	2012 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mediator: Conflict resolution services to help individuals use self-determination to: work through divorce, division of assets, parenting plan development and modifications	
Attorney	2002 – 2012
Boni Cherelle, LLC	Aurora, CO
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Law practice with emphasis in child welfare, domestic relations, employment lawGuardian <i>ad litem</i>, Denver Juvenile Court (dependency and neglect, delinquency)Child and Family Investigator, Domestic Relations, Denver District CourtCurrently maintains active license	

Faculty	2002 – 2014
University of Phoenix	Online Campus, AZ
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified Advanced Facilitator of Undergraduate & Graduate School of Business courses (including Contemporary Business Law, Employment Law, Law and Public Administration Law with administrative law components in the courses) and School of Humanities Associate Program courses and Orientation Courses; experienced online and face-to-face instructor 	
Assoc. Director, Equal Opportunity/Employment Relations	1998-2003
Metropolitan State College (Metro State)	Denver, CO
Staff Attorney	1989-1998
University of Wyoming	Laramie, WY
Contract EEOC Investigator	1995 - 1997
Grant Communications	Del Mar, CA

Education & Certifications

Juris Doctorate - Arizona State University School of Law, Tempe, AZ
Bachelor of Arts, Education - Washington State University, Pullman, WA
Washington Mediation Association Certification
Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County Certification

Training/Professional Development

Kitsap Legal Services (yearly)	2013-2023
Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Recertification Training	
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 2.0 hrs	04/07/2022
DE&I Clients and “-Isms”: Recognizing and Addressing Discriminatory Behavior	
Managing Strong Emotions for Community Boards 2.0 hrs	02/14/2022
Emily Epstein, Oak Bay Consulting	
Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap 24 hrs	11/18 – 20/2021
Family Mediation Skills Training	
Thurston Dispute Resolution Center 20 hrs	05/13 – 15/2021
Family Mediation Training	
King County Bar Association 6.0 hrs	04/27/2021
RCW 11.130 Minor Guardianship Training	
NICWA (National Indian Child Welfare Act) Virtual Conference 14.0 hrs	03/31, 04/01-02/2020
38 th Annual Protecting Our Children – Child Advocacy	
WA State CASA Conference 24.0 hrs	10/23-27/2019
“These 5 Things” Child Advocacy in Child Welfare - Airway Heights, WA	
WA CASA Program Managers Meeting 14.0 hrs	05/20-22/2019
Child Advocacy – Child Welfare Programming; Leavenworth, WA	
Conflict Management Strategies for Attorneys Webinar 1.0 hrs	04/30/2020
Conflict resolution skills for managing colleagues and clients	
25th Northwest Dispute Resolution Conference 7.0 hrs	03/28-29/2019
University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, WA	
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts WA Chapter 6.75 hrs	03/23/2019
Annual Conference – Fractured Families and Fresh Solutions	
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts WA Chapter	09/22/2018
Annual Conference – Fractured Families and Fresh Solutions	
24rd Northwest Dispute Resolution Conference 7.0 hrs	03/24/2017
University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, WA	

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts WA Chapter Sixth Annual Conference – Family Law and Parenting Evaluation Program	03/25/2017
23rd Northwest Dispute Resolution Conference 7.0 hours University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, WA	03/24/2017
Maximizing the Deal: Helping Clients Achieve Success in Their Settlement – Association of Professional Family Mediators - Webinar	01/19/16
It's Not Over: Avoiding Future Parenting Plan Problems for Parents King County Bar Association – Webinar	01/12/16
Mediating in Tribal Communities: Values and Ethical Considerations Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County	07/16/2015
Domestic Violence Awareness Training for Mediators 24.0 hours Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County & YWCA Bremerton, Washington	May 2015
Restorative Justice Session 2 hours Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County	05/13/2015
American Bar Association's 17th Annual Dispute Resolution Conference April 2015 Seattle, Washington	
Indian Law & Jurisdiction 101 2 hours Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County	04/30/2015
Washington Mediation Association Unconference Emerging and contemporary conflict resolution topics, Tukwila, WA	10/24/2014
Northwest Dispute Resolution Conference – Seattle, WA	March 2013
Washington Courts Lay Guardian Online Training	September 2012
Mediation Internship Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County, Silverdale, WA	January 2012
Washington State Title 26 Family Law Guardian Ad Litem Initial Certification Training King County Bar Association, Seattle WA	February 2012
Kids First Training – Parenting Class Observation Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County, Silverdale, WA	April 2012
40-Hour Professional Mediation Training Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County, Silverdale, WA	October 2011
Engaging Parents During Your Investigation Jim Barroffio, Psych.D., Denver, CO	June 2011
Preserving Connections for Children: How to Develop Effective Visits Colorado Department of Human Services, Aurora, CO	May 2011
Cornerstone Advocacy Part 2: Services and Education Office of the Child's Representative, Broomfield, CO	September 2010
Cornerstone Advocacy Part 1: Placements and Visits Office of the Child's Representative, Salida, CO	May 2010
Delinquency, Dependency and Neglect Office of the Child's Representative, Brighton, CO	September 2008
Domestic Relations Conference Office of the Child's Representative, Denver, CO	May 2006
Assessment of Young Children for Developmental Delays Metropolitan State College of Denver Family Center (7 hours)	February 2005
Looking to the Future in Child Advocacy Office of the Child's Representative, Steamboat Springs, CO	February 2004
Best Efforts and Practices in Pediatric Law Office of the Child's Representative, Brighton, CO	September 2004

Professional Presentations

- "Child Advocacy for Mediators" Silverdale, WA - 2014
- "Completing Child Support Worksheets for Mediators" Silverdale, WA - 2014
- "Fact or Opinion" Co-presenter at RESTART (Juvenile Diversion Program), Silverdale, WA - 2013
- "Domestic Violence Awareness Training" Panel Member for Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County – Silverdale, WA 2012
- "Recruitment and Retention Best Practices in Higher Education" for Region VIII American Association for Affirmative Action, Denver, CO – 2000
- "Sexual Harassment" Workshops, Metropolitan State College of Denver, CO – 1999-2003
- "Employment Search and Screening Procedures for College Screening Committees, Metropolitan State College of Denver, Denver, CO – 1998-2003
- "Sexual Harassment" Workshops, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY - 1997
- "Americans with Disabilities Act," University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY - 1993

Professional Organizations

Association for Family and Conciliation Courts	2018 - present
American Association for Affirmative Action	1989 - 2003
Region VII Alternate Director	2000 –2003
Aurora Bar Association	2001 – present
Colorado Bar Association	2002- present
Sam Cary Bar Association	2002 - present
Washington Mediation Association	2013 - present
Colorado Women's Bar Association	2003 - 2005
Wyoming Bar Association	1989 - present

Community Service

Dispute Resolution Center of King County – Volunteer Mediator	2016 - present
Seattle University Student ADR Competition Judge	2014
Kitsap Legal Services Volunteer	2013 – 2018
Divorce Workshops and Supplemental Security Income Advice Clinics	
Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County – Board Vice President	2015 - 2016
Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County – Board Member	2013 – 2016
Chair – 25 th Anniversary (2015) Committee	
Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County – Volunteer Mediator	2012 – present
Domestic Violence Court Outreach for DRC	
Metro State Volunteer Lawyers – Pro bono attorney	2003 – 2011
University of Denver, College of Law Negotiations Competition Judge	2005 - 2009
Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center	2005 - 2007
Volunteer Guardian <i>ad litem</i> in protection order cases	
Denver County Court Small Claims Workshop Volunteer Presenter	2003-2005
KUSA- Law Line 9 , staff phone lines and provide legal advice to community callers, Denver, CO	2003
Center for Women's Employment and Education , Denver, CO	
Board Member	2002 – 2004
Stanley British Primary School Room Parent, Denver, CO	2002 – 2003
Arapaho Advocates for Children CASA, Aurora, CO	1999 – 2002
Casey Family Program Foster Parent, Wyoming	1994 – 1998

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Fee Schedule for Title 26 GAL

Fees: \$180.00 per hour includes travel time, depositions, hearings, and trial days

Business Expenses: Billed at cost against deposit (Fees for records, postage, WATCH reports, etc.)

Required Deposit: \$3,500.00* deposit payable before work commences – money orders, check, bank check or cash are accepted

GAL Files: 10 days-notice and advance costs required for discovery requests. File will be made available electronically. If electronic file is not acceptable, GAL must be present with file for copying and time and travel will be billed. If a hard copy is to be mailed, depending on number of hard copies, advance costs may be 3-5 hours of time at 180.00/hr. and 25¢ per copy/scan with balance billing.

*Order appointing GAL should authorize up to 2x retainer (\$7,000.00) without further court order.

PLEASE CONTACT FOR AVAILABILITY PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT

Certificate of Completion

King County Bar Association

Boni Cherelle

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

This certifies that

BONI CHERELLE

attended the Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Recertification Training Online via Zoom

on May 18th, 2023.

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

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Joanne E. Sprague
Executive Director
Kitsap Legal Services

Handwritten signature of Jennifer Forbes in cursive.

Hon. Jennifer Forbes
Presiding Judge
Kitsap County Superior Court

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Guardian *ad litem* and Certified Mediator
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May 26, 2023

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 prior to completion of the Guardian ad Litem's duties.

2 GAL Removal Motions - Denied

03/25/2017 – Kitsap Superior Court Case #15-3-01086-2 – Removal Request by Petitioner denied by Judge Bassett

01/19/2018 – Kitsap Superior Court Case #15-3-01086-2 – Removal Request by Petitioner based on GAL named in Kitsap Superior Court Case #17-2-02160-18 denied by Judge Houser

12/19/2017 Kitsap Superior Court Civil Complaint 17-2-02160-18

Amended Judgment entered 08/07/2020 - No findings entered against Boni Cherelle as to any tortious conduct in the matter.

Boni Cherelle operates her guardian ad litem business as a sole proprietor, Boni Cherelle.



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