RE-APPLICATION FOR GUARDIAN AD LITEM REGISTRY
Guardianship/Probate/Trust – Title 11

Mail or deliver the completed application, with all attachments, to:

Kitsap County Superior Court Administrator
614 Division Street, MS-24
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Name: Angela K. Carlson-Whitley

Business Name or Firm:

Business Address: P.O. Box 2488

City and State: Olympia, WA Zip Code: 98507

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Email Address: acarlsonwhitley@gmail.com

☐ Non-Attorney ☒ Attorney WSBA or Washington State Certification No: 24186

☒ I am willing to serve as a Guardian ad Litem for Guardianships 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 GAL including years of experience and number of appointments.
Certified Title 11 GAL 2010-11; 1994-95. Have served in: Kitsap, Thurston, Mason, King, Grays Harbor, and Snohomish Counties and completed (or am still serving in) 14 cases. I have served as independent counsel for the AIP in guardianship cases and represent professional and family member guardians. See also GAL Statement of Qualifications for additional information.

Number of times serving as a Guardian as Litem that I have been removed for failure to perform my duties as a Guardian ad Litem: None.

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 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;
- N/A ☐ Copies of any any professional complaints, investigations or disciplinary actions, lawsuits or professional liability claims filed, whether pending or completed, including a statement for each setting out the current status and any applicable response to said claims;
- N/A ☐ Copies of any order for removal of the Guardian ad Litem prior to completion of the Guardian ad Litem's duties;
- N/A ☐ 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;

AND, EITHER

- ☐ Certificate of Qualification/Training for Guardian ad Litem seeking appointment under RCW Title 11,

OR

- ☒ I am currently on the Guardian ad Litem 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: May 21, 2011

Signature of Applicant

Olympia, WA
City Where Signed

: Angela K. Carlson-Whitley
Printed Name

ANGELA CARLSON-WHITLEY

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SUMMARY

A family law attorney practicing primarily guardianship, and with experience in advising Military & Low Income families on a variety of legal issues. Excellent communication and presentation skills. Current Title 11 Guardian Ad Litem Certification.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sole Practitioner—Olympia, WA 2010 - present
Private Practice Attorney

- Title 11 Certified Guardian Ad Litem in Thurston, Mason, Grays Harbor, and Kitsap Counties.
- Represent Certified Professional and Family Member Guardians in guardianship proceedings.
- Contract work in guardianship proceedings for local guardianship attorneys.

Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services – Olympia, WA 2010 - present
Volunteer Attorney for Family Support Center, SafePlace, and Housing Justice Project

- Give legal advice to low-income clients on a variety of issues, including family law, landlord/tenant law, employment law, real property law, and guardianship/probate matters.
- Represent low-income clients in civil court at unlawful detainer proceedings; give legal advice on housing and landlord/tenant issues.
- Pro bono representation of low-income clients in Thurston County Family & Juvenile Court family law proceedings.

HMLA-367 and HMLA/T-303 - Camp Pendleton, CA 2004 - 2007
Key Volunteer 1999 – 2002

- Welcomed Marines and their families to the squadron.
- Coordinated delivery of official information to military families.
- Referred families to available services and resources aboard Camp Pendleton and surrounding community.
- Assisted with deployment and welcome home activities.

Joint Legal Assistance Office/Family Law Services – Camp Pendleton, CA 1999 – 2001
Volunteer Attorney/Family Law Specialist

- Researched family law issues.
- Drafted interoffice and legal memoranda along with documents for deploying service members. Prepared office and client correspondence.
- Performed client interviews.
- Gave appropriate legal advice to military families on a wide range of topics, including family law, immigration law, landlord/tenant law, contract law, and consumer law.
- Presented "Wills & Powers of Attorney" briefs to deploying units, explaining the importance of having a will, power of attorney, and power of attorney for health care before deploying overseas.

Legal Team Echo (Criminal Defense) – Camp Pendleton, CA 2000
Volunteer Defense Attorney

- Researched and wrote memoranda for supervising judge advocate on military criminal defense issues to be used to defend members of the Marine Corps being prosecuted under the UCMJ for offenses such as desertion, forgery, assault, drunk driving, and use or possession of controlled substances.

Lifetime Advocacy Plus, Certified Professional Guardianship Agency - Seattle, WA 1992 – 1995
In-house Counsel & Legal Services Coordinator

- Certified Title 11 Guardian Ad Litem, King, Snohomish, and Pierce Counties
- Drafted over 200 guardianship reports and accountings for Lifetime Advocacy Plus, a professional guardianship agency, as well as petitions for guardianship and other interim reports, trust accountings, and pleadings.
- Presented guardianship reports and accountings in person and by mail to various County Superior Courts.
- Performed a systematic review of all of Lifetime Advocacy Plus' guardianships in each of its five offices throughout the state.
- Developed and maintained a tickler system for guardianship reports and accountings.
- Managed all of Lifetime Advocacy Plus' guardianship reports and accountings, ensuring that they were filed in a timely manner, either in house or through coordination with outside counsel of record.

The Honorable Thomas S. Zilly, U.S. District Judge - Seattle, WA Jan. – April 1994
Judicial Extern

- Reviewed briefs, researched and analyzed substantive and procedural issues, wrote bench memoranda, and drafted orders.

Thurston County Office of Assigned Counsel – Olympia, WA May – Nov. 1993
Legal Intern (Rule 9)

- Performed legal research, wrote memoranda and briefs.
- Conducted preliminary jail interviews.
- Assisted attorneys and participated in preliminary hearings and arraignments.
- Served as second chair in a felony trial, including writing the trial memorandum and motions in limine, assisting in voir dire, and conducting cross-examination of a witness.

EDUCATION

University of Puget Sound School of Law - Tacoma, WA – J.D.

AWARDS

- American Jurisprudence Award in Administrative Law
- American Jurisprudence Award in Legal Writing 1
- 1st Place, In-House Client Counseling Competition

The Evergreen State College - Olympia, WA,
B.A. in Literature and Cross-Cultural Studies

Harvard University Extension School - Cambridge, MA

PUBLICATIONS

Comment, *Dowry Death: A Violation of the Right to Life Under Article Six of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights*, 17 U. Puget Sound L. Rev. 637 (1994).

ACTIVITIES

- **Chair,** Thurston County Guardianship Roundtable, Nov. 2010 – present
- **Board Member,** *Historian*, Camp Pendleton Officers' Wives Club, 2002 – 2005
- **Board Member,** *Concessions*, San Diego So-Cal Roadrunners, Youth Cross-Country Team, 2007
- **Board Member,** *Treasurer*, CNB Riding Club, Camp Pendleton, CA, 2008-2009

GUARDIAN AD LITEM (GAL) STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

This statement is presented as required by RCW 11.88.090(4)(b)(i).

A. Requisite areas of background, knowledge, training, and experience:

1. Level of formal education: J.D., May 1994, University of Puget Sound School of Law, Tacoma, Washington; B.A., 1991, The Evergreen State College, Olympia, Washington; Harvard University Extension School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1988-89.

2. Training related to the GAL's Duties: Completion of GAL Training Program in 1994 and 1995; completion of GAL Training Program sponsored by the King County Bar Association in May 2010 and GAL Recertification Program in May 2011.

3. Number of years' experience as a GAL: 2+ (1994-95; 2010-11).

4. Number of appointments as a GAL as of May 1, 2011:

(a) This County: 3.

(b) Other Counties: Grays Harbor – 1; King – 4; Mason – 1; Snohomish – 1; Thurston – 4.

5. Number of appointments as:

(a) Independent Counsel - 1 (Thurston County)

(b) Probate GAL – 1 (Thurston County)

(c) Settlement GAL (SPR 98.16W) – 1 (Thurston County)

6. Criminal History (as defined in RCW 9.94A.030): None.

7. Knowledge or experience in needs of:

(a) Impaired elderly: Completion of GAL Training Program in 1994, 1995, 2010, and 2011. Familiarity with medical conditions of elderly persons, such as Alzheimer's, and nonmedical problems of aging, including functional capacities, incapacities, and needs of elderly persons as described in the GAL Handbook. Work experience first as a Legal Intern and later as In-house Counsel for a professional guardianship organization with elderly clients.

(b) Persons with physical disabilities: Completion of GAL Training Program in 1994, 1995, 2010, and 2011. Familiarity with the capacities, incapacities, and needs of persons with physical disabilities as described in the GAL Handbook. Personal

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experience of having a sister with physical disabilities. Work experience first as a Legal Intern and later as In-house Counsel for a professional guardianship organization with physically disabled clients.

(c) Mental illness: Completion of GAL Training Program in 1994, 1995, 2010, and 2011. Familiarity with the capacities, incapacities, and needs of persons with mental illness as described in the GAL Handbook. Work experience first as a Legal Intern and later as In-house Counsel for a professional guardianship organization with mentally ill clients.

(d) Developmental disabilities: Completion of GAL Training Program in 1994, 1995, 2010, and 2011. Personal experience of having a developmentally disabled sister, for whom I served as Standby Guardian from February 27, 1992 through December 27, 1995. Familiarity with the capacities, incapacities, and needs of persons with developmental disabilities as described in the GAL Handbook. Work experience first as a Legal Intern and later as In-house Counsel for a professional guardianship organization with developmentally disabled clients.

(e) Other areas relevant to the needs of incapacitated persons: Familiarity with and legal training in alternatives to guardianship. I have drafted medical directives and powers of attorney. I am familiar with services and resources provided by outside agencies to assist incapacitated persons and their families.

8. Legal procedure: I am a licensed attorney and have had legal training and experience with guardianship since 1992; first as a legal intern and later as an attorney for Lifetime Advocacy Plus (formerly the Foundation for the Handicapped), a professional guardianship organization. I have drafted petitions for guardianship, guardianship reports and accountings, modifications of guardianships, substitutions of guardian, and other documents related to guardianship proceedings. I have presented guardianship reports and accountings to the Clark, King, Pierce, Snohomish, Spokane, Thurston, Whatcom, and Yakima County Superior Courts.

I have attended Continuing Legal Education courses through various bar associations in Washington and California (Orange County and San Diego County),

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including: Elder Law Forum, WSTLA, 1994; Disability & Elder Law Legal & Ethical Issues Seminar, WSBA, 1995; 21 Bullets—Ammunition for Guardianships, Estate Planning, & Probate, Tacoma-Pierce Co. Bar, 1995; Guardianship Practice and Procedure, WSBA, 1999; Drafting the Simple Will, WSBA, 1999; Basic Trusts, Probate Concepts and Estate Planning, ABA Standing Committee on Legal Assistance for Military Personnel (LAMP), 2000; Durable Powers of Attorney, OCBA, 2001; Conservatorships, OCBA, 2001; Estate Planning Practice, SDCBA, 2001; How to Draft Wills & Other Estate Planning Documents, WSBA, 2001; Estate Planning for the Clinic Attorney, TCVLS, 2010.

9. The requirements of Chapter(s) 11.88 and 11.92 RCW. I am familiar with the above statutes and have completed the GAL training offered by the Washington State Bar Association in February 1994 and March 1995, and completed the GAL training offered in May 2010 by the King County Bar Association and the GAL recertification in May 2011.

B. I have never been removed as a GAL, nor have there ever been any professional complaints, investigations, disciplinary actions, lawsuits, or professional liability claims charged against me, including those involving allegations of improper fee charges, fraud, theft, or other forms of dishonesty or professional malpractice.

C. There is no apparent conflict of interest which would preclude me from serving as GAL in a particular case; however, I do represent two professional guardianship agencies in Thurston County, as well as a family member guardian, and a hospital that occasionally petitions for guardianship.

D. My regular hourly rate is $150 per hour plus costs; however, I do accept county pay cases for those with assets under $3,000.00, which are charged at the county pay rate.

I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Signed at Olympia, Washington, this 31st day of May, 2011.

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Guardian ad Litem Fee Schedule for Kitsap County

I am a licensed attorney in Washington State, practicing in the area of Guardianship, Probate and Estates.

My usual hourly rate is $150.00.

In county pay cases I am willing to reduce my hourly fee to the accepted county pay rate.

This information is meant to serve as information only to the court and potential parties and is not a fee agreement.

Professional Complaints:

I have never had any claims or litigation commenced against me involving allegations of improper fee charges, charges of fraud, theft or other forms of dishonesty, professional malpractice, or misconduct, nor have I ever been accused of any unethical behavior.

Conflict of Interest:

If I know of a conflict of interest or there is likely to be a conflict or the appearance of a conflict of interest in any case with which I am associated, I will immediately bring the information to the attention of the court and all the parties.

Signed this 21st day of May, 2011, in Olympia, Washington.

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Certificate of Completion

King County Bar Association

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2011 Washington State
RCW 11.88.090 *Guardianship*
Guardian ad Litem Training

Re-Certification
May 6, 2011

Friday, May 6, 2011:
5.50 General & 1.00 Ethics CLE Credits Approved (approval #284 880)

Professional Guardian Credits: 5.75 Total: 2.00 Person; 1.00 Ethics; 2.75 General

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

WSP WATCH
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Web Search Transcript

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Conviction Criminal History RCW 10.97.050(1)

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CARLSON-WHITLEY,ANGELA K

This may mean that the person you searched for has no criminal conviction record OR that your search criteria do not match the person's name spelling or date of birth.

WATCH did return the following candidate list based on the provided search descriptors:

SID	NAME	SEX	RACE	HT	WT	EYES	DOB
1.	*CARLSON,K K	M	W	510	172	BLU	04/22/1970

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