

APPLICATION FOR GUARDIAN AD LITEM REGISTRY
Family Law – Title 26

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: TANYA MICHAELS
Business Name or Firm: LAW OFFICE OF TANYA MICHAELS
Business Address: 1894 SE SEDGWICK RD., SUITE 104 - PMB 246
City and State: PORT ORCHARD, WA Zip Code: 98366
Business Phone: (206) 244-9333 Fax: (253) 858-9339
Email Address: TANYAM@CENTURYTEL.NET

- Non-Attorney Attorney WSBA or Washington State Certification No 25764
- I am willing to serve as a Guardian ad Litem at public expense.
- I have no pending investigation or action against me involving felony allegations, professional certification or license suspension and/or revocation. (See statement #2, attached.)
- 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. _____
Family law attorney since 1996.
King County family law CASA since 1991, served on
25+ cases.
Rew Title 26 Guardians ad Litem in King County since 2005.
Rew Title 26 Guardian ad Litem in Kitsap County since 2010.
Served as Guardian ad Litem on 2 cases.

Number of times serving as a Guardian ad 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;
- Copies of 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; (see statement # 1, attached.)
- Copies of any order for removal of the Guardian ad Litem prior to completion of the Guardian ad Litem's duties;
- Copy of fee schedule;
- Washington State Patrol Conviction Criminal History Report;
- Signed release of information directed to all professional regulatory bodies which have licensed or supervised the applicant within the last ten years;

AND, EITHER

- Certificate of Qualification/Training for Guardian ad Litem seeking appointment under RCW Title 26

OR

- I am currently on the Guardian ad Litem Registry and have included a certificate of updated training taken within the last two years

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

DATED: 5/25/11

Tanya Michaels
Signature of Applicant

Port Orchard, WA
City Where Signed

TANYA MICHAELS
Printed Name



CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION:

Admitted to Practice Law – Washington State
May 28, 1996

Washington State Admission to Practice Rule 6 – Law Clerk Program
1991 – 1996

Central Washington University, Ellensburg, Washington
B.S. – 1989
Major: Law and Justice Administration

Highline Community College, Des Moines, Washington
A.A. – Paralegal Studies

EXPERIENCE:

2010 - 2011 Kitsap County Family Law Guardian ad Litem
2005 - 2011 King County Family Law Guardian ad Litem
1996 – 2011 Sole Practitioner Family Law Attorney
1991 – 2011 King County Family Law CASA
1990 – 1996 Paralegal, Larry Setchell, P.S. Law Firm

CERTIFICATES/LICENSES:

2004 Title 26 Guardian ad Litem, Washington
1996 Attorney at Law, Washington
1991 Family Law CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate), Washington

VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY SERVICE:

King County Family Law CASA, 1991-2011
Vashon Island Neighborhood Legal Clinic, 4 years

TRAINING:

5/2011 RCW Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Update Training
1/2011 Assessing Skills/Possible Delays in Preschool Children
10/2010 Washington State CASA's 18th Annual Conference
6/2010 Mediating International Parenting Cases

6/2010 Family Law Section Midyear Meeting and Seminar (3 day)
[including Credibility Issues in Child Custody Evaluations,
Attachment Styles and Their Impact on Divorce and Parenting]
6/2010 Review of the 2009 Legislation Related to Child Support
4/2010 Developmental Milestones for Children and the Impact of Neglect,
Abuse and Attachment Disruptions
10/2008 Internet Investigative Research Strategies for Legal Professionals
6/2008 Family Law Midyear Meeting and Seminar (3 day)
3/2008 American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers 14th Annual Family
Law Conference
10/2007 15th Annual Statewide CASA Conference (2 day)
10/2005 Advanced Title 26 Family Law Guardian ad Litem Training

HONORS/PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

Central Washington University, cum laude – 1989
Central Washington University Dean's List and Honor Society
Washington State Bar Association, Family Law Section - 1996-2011
King County Bar Association, Family Law Section - 1996-2011
American Bar Association, Family Law Section – 1997-2007
Kitsap County Bar Association, Family Law Section - 2011



GUARDIAN AD LITEM FEE SCHEDULE

As an appointed Guardian ad Litem I charge \$125.00 per hour, unless there is a written agreement otherwise.

My retainer is \$1,500.00, with \$500.00 due before the start of any investigation, together with an agreement providing for \$100.00 a month payments for the balance of the retainer (\$1,000.00). Other arrangements may be acceptable.

Expenses:

Photocopies:	\$.20 per page
Postage:	as incurred
Fax:	\$.25 per page (incoming and outgoing)
NSF Checks:	\$35.00
Travel:	\$25.00 per hour
Depositions:	\$75.00 per hour (\$300 deposit paid 5 days in advance)

Computerized time keeping/billing is mailed monthly. Bills must be paid by the parties within 14 days of billing.

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Web Search No Record Found Report

**Washington State Patrol
Identification and Criminal History Section
P.O. Box 42633
Olympia, Washington 98504-2633
Telephone (360) 534-2000**

**THE FOLLOWING WEB SEARCH NO MATCH FOUND REPORT
IS FURNISHED FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**

This report was generated from a transaction run on 05/13/2011 at 08:44
Conviction Criminal History RCW 10.97.050(1)

Pursuant to the purpose of inquiry, NO RECORD was found in the Washington State
Criminal History Repository based on the descriptors provided:

MICHAELS,TANYA L

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

Positive identification or non-identification in the Washington State Patrol's database,
can only be determined by fingerprint comparison.

Certificate of Completion



This certifies that

Tanya Michaels

attended the

**Kitsap County Superior Court
RCW Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Update Training**

on May 11, 2011



*Certified by the Superior Court of Kitsap County as the statutorily required
RCW 26.12.175 Guardianship GAL Registry Update Training*

HONORABLE ANNA M. LAURIE
Kitsap County Superior Court Assistant Presiding Judge

WSBA CLE Credits: 6.5 Total Credits

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

This is to certify that Janyla Michaels attended the presentation on "**Developmental Milestones for Children and the Impact of Neglect, Abuse and Attachment Disruptions**" on April 21st, 2010 from 12:10 p.m. to 1:25 p.m. The training was co-sponsored by Unified Family Court, King County Superior Court and the King County Bar Association Family Law Section.

Speaker:

Christy Kimpo, PhD

Christy Kimpo earned her PhD in Developmental Psychology from the University of Washington in 1995. She returned to the Graduate School of Nursing at UW to complete a clinical program in dyadic, relationship-based therapy and earned a Certificate in Infant Mental Health in 2005. Prior to coming to work for Navos in 2005, Christy worked in the Special Education setting for 7 years, worked on research projects in the Department of Epidemiology at UW for 6 years, and taught psychology classes for over 10 years at UW, Western Washington University, Seattle University, and Shoreline Community College. She has worked as a child and family therapist for 10 years, the last 4 years, at Navos mental health solutions in West Seattle. She has been instrumental in establishing one of the first (and one of the best) Infant Mental Health programs serving infants and their families on Medicaid in King County. She currently serves Navos as an Infant Mental Health Specialist and spends a great deal of her time doing trainings and professional presentations on Infant Mental Health and early development.

This training is intended for professionals and volunteers who work with families in the legal system. The presentation provided an overview of "**Developmental Milestones for Children and the Impact of Neglect, Abuse and Attachment Disruptions**" including the following:

- An overview of typical development for infants and young children
- How traumatic experiences early in life can disrupt the developmental trajectory
- The impact of trauma on brain development and attachment relationships
- The top ten list of behaviors that make us go "huh"
[behaviors of concern when seen in young children]


Rachael DelVillar-Fox, UFC Program Manager



STATEMENT #1

In a random audit of my IOLTA Trust Account in approximately 2002, the auditor found a \$115.00 error. I was directed to deduct that sum when I next removed earned fees from my trust account, which I did. No further action was taken or recommended.

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STATEMENT #2

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that (1) no claims, complaints, investigations, disciplinary actions, lawsuits, litigation or professional liability claims have been commenced involving allegations of improper fee charges, charges of fraud, theft or any other form of dishonesty or professional malpractice or misconduct; (2) there are no pending investigations or actions against me involving felony allegations, professional certification or license suspension and/or revocations; and (3) there has never been an order for removing me as a Guardian ad Litem prior to the completion of the Guardian ad Litem's duties.

Signed at Port Orchard, WA this 25th day of May, 2011.

Tanya Michaels
Tanya Michaels, WSBA #25764

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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

To: Kitsap County Superior Court Administrator Date: May 25, 2011
614 Division St., MS-24
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Attn: GAL Registry

Re: GAL Registry Application

We enclose: Complete Application for the Kitsap County Guardian ad Litem Registry.

Please note the following:

___ For your info./file. ___ Please call to discuss this.
___ File the original. ___ Copy receive and return copies.
___ Please review and reply. ___ Record original instrument(s).
___ Check number ___ enclosed for \$ ____.

Message: _____

Thank you.

Very truly yours,
Tanya Michaels
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Enclosures