

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: Heather L. Crawford

Business Name or Firm: Comfort, Davies & Smith, P.S.

Business Address: 1901 65th Avenue West, Suite 200

City and State: Fircrest, WA Zip Code: 98466

Business Phone: (253) 565-3400 Fax: (253) 564-5356

Email Address: heather@cdsps.com

- Non-Attorney
- Attorney - WSBA or Washington State Certification No: 29962
- 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.

14.5 years of experience as a GAL in Title 11 matters. Over 80 appointments.

15 years as an elder law attorney.

12 years of experience as Certified Professional Guardian.

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):

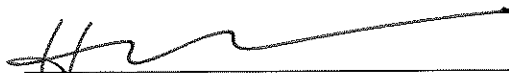
- Curriculum vitae, showing work and professional or personal experience in or related to the field that would assist in the performance and completion of Guardian ad Litem duties.
- Completed Washington State Patrol Conviction Criminal History.
- Signed release of information directed to all professional regulatory bodies which have licensed or supervised the applicant within the last ten years.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 this 23rd day of March, 2020, at Fircrest, Washington.



SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

PRINT NAME: Heather L. Crawford

HEATHER L. CRAWFORD

(253) 565-3400
heather@cdsps.com
1901 65th Ave. W, Suite 200, Fircrest, WA 98466

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Comfort, Davies & Smith, P.S., Attorney 3/2019-present
Robin H. Balsam P.S., Attorney 3/2006-2/2019

- Represent clients in complicated litigation related to guardianship, probate, trust and vulnerable adult matters.
- Frequently appear in court on contested matters.
- Conduct guardian ad litem investigations in Kitsap and Pierce Counties related to complicated guardianship and probate matters often involving undue influence and exploitation (over 100 investigations completed to date).
- Advocate to protect vulnerable adults from exploitation and abuse.
- Assess capacity of vulnerable adults as an attorney and guardian ad litem.
- Draft legal pleadings and correspondence.
- Negotiate settlements in contested matters.
- Interview elderly and disabled clients including advocating for them to protect client's interests based on their goals.
- Work as a certified professional guardian to manage affairs of disabled and incapacitated including both health care and financial management.
- Supervise staff and guardians.

Chambers of U. S. District Judge Robert J. Bryan, Staff Attorney 7/2003 – 8/2004

- Researched issues and drafted orders for federal judge including orders on dispositive motions on topics such as employment discrimination, 42 U.S.C. § 1983, insurance contract interpretation, social security and constitutional violations.
- Applied chamber's ethical standards to negotiate settlement of pre-trial disputes.
- Collaborated with clerks and judges to formulate resolution of issues.
- Managed docket and prioritized projects to keep docket current.

Lowenberg, Lopez & Hansen, P.S., Attorney 4/2001 – 2/2003

- Independently researched and wrote hundreds of diverse pleadings and memoranda.
- Participated in settlement negotiations and persuasively presented motions to court.
- Analyzed potential case files and presented findings to partners for review.
- Prioritized projects to fulfill the expectations of three partners.
- Facilitated all phases of professional communications.
- Diligently pursued client's best interests and goals.

EDUCATION

Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, WA
Juris Doctor, Cum Laude 1999

University of Washington, Seattle, WA
Bachelor of Arts Degree, Economics 1993

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, Heather L. Crawford
(Professional License No. 29962) 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.



Signature

March 23, 2020
Date

Heather L. Crawford

Printed Name

1901 65th Avenue West, Suite 200

Street Address

Fircrest, WA 98466

City/State/Zip



Comfort, Davies & Smith, P.S.
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Brian T. Comfort
Steven W. Davies
Michael B. Smith
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June 25, 2019

Frank A. Maiocco, Jr.
Court Administrator
Kitsap County Superior Court
614 Division Street MS-24
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Re: T-11 Guardian ad Litem Fee Schedule

Dear Mr. Maiocco,

I am in receipt of your email dated June 25, 2019 regarding my 2019 Fee Schedule. My private-pay Guardian ad Litem rate in 2019 is \$245.00/hour. Please let me know if you will require any additional information in order to process my application. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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Heather L. Crawford

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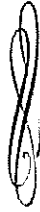
18th Annual Guardianship Seminar

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Certificate of Training

Awarded for successful completion of seminar to:

Heather Crawford



Seminar sponsored by:

The Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association Guardianship Committee

WSBA - 6.75 Credits Pending (5.75 law/legal, 1 ethics)
CPG - 6.75 CPG Credits Approved (5.75 general, 1 emerging issues)

Kit Kasner, Executive Director
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association





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Port Orchard, WA 98366

Re: T-11 Guardian ad Litem Fee Schedule

Dear Mr. Maiocco,

Find enclosed the following documents for my RCW Title 11 guardian ad litem renewal application:

1. Application for Guardian ad Litem Registry,
2. Resume,
3. Washington State Patrol background check,
4. Release of Information, and
5. Certificate of Training (2019).

Additionally, my fee schedule for private pay guardian ad litem work is \$250.00/hour. Please let me know if you will require any additional information in order to process my application.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
FOR KITSAP COUNTY

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JENNIFER A. FORBES, JUDGE
DEPARTMENT NO. 7
SALLY F. OLSEN, JUDGE
DEPARTMENT NO. 8

MATTHEW L. CLUCAS
COURT COMMISSIONER
FRANK A. MAIOCCO, JR.
COURT ADMINISTRATOR

June 25, 2020

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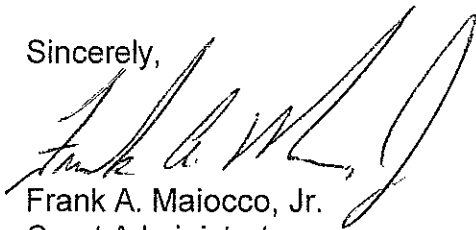
Re: Kitsap County Superior Court Title 11 Guardian ad Litem Registry, 2020-2021

Dear Ms. Crawford:

The Kitsap County Superior Court Guardian ad Litem Committee has received and reviewed your application for the Title 11 Guardian ad Litem registry. We are pleased to include you on the 2020 - 2021 Registry, effective July 1, 2020.

Thank you for your interest and participation in Kitsap County's Guardian ad Litem program.

Sincerely,



Frank A. Maiocco, Jr.
Court Administrator
Kitsap County Superior Court