

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: Stephen J. DeVoght

Business Name or Firm: DeVoght Law, PLLC.

Business Address: P.O. Box 2537

City and State: Vashon, Washington Zip Code: 98070

Business Phone: (206) 819-2944 Fax: ()

Email Address: steve@devoghtlaw.com

- Non-Attorney
- Attorney - WSBA or Washington State Certification No: WSBA# 36133
- 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.

Ten years of experience as a Title 11 GAL in Kitsap County. I completed my initial Title 11 GAL training/certification in 2008 and began accepting appointments in 2009 in King and Kitsap Counties; I have also served as GAL in Pierce, Snohomish, and Kitsap Counties. I have been appointed as a Title 11 GAL approximately 111 times, including more than 40 appointments in Kitsap County; I have been appointed as independent counsel in more than 10 Title 11 cases.

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 not received my certificate of updated training taken June 4, 2020 with the KCBA. I will send a copy as soon as received.

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

DATED this 9th day of June 2020, at Vashon, Washington.

/s/

Stephen J. DeVoght WSBA# 36133

Education and Training

J.D. at Seattle University School of Law, Seattle Washington; internship at King County Dispute Resolution Center funded by the Higher Education Council; participated in the Professional Responsibility Clinic. **2004**

B.S. Accounting and Finance at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio; participated in pilot program for the Student Investment Management program, which went on to manage a stock portfolio of endowment funds. **1989**

Title 11 GAL Training; completed training required for admittance to County GAL registries: Initial training on May 15 – 16, 2008; one day recertification training every year in the spring.

Continuing Legal Education; regularly attend programs relating to guardianships and elder law issues.

Mediation Training at King County Dispute Resolution Center, 2003; 40 Hour mediation training, small claims court mediation training, and phone volunteer conciliation training. Previously completed a similar 40 hour training at Snohomish County Dispute Resolution Center in June of 1997.

Experience

DeVoght Law, PLLC, 2007 – Current

Solo practice based on Vashon Island, focusing on estate planning, elder law, and court appointed work as a Title 11 GAL or appointed counsel for persons subject to guardianship.

Insight Physio, PLLC, 2012 – Current

Administrator for physical therapy practice on Vashon Island. Manage claims and billing with insurers and patients; manage all aspects of bookkeeping including compliance with state and federal reporting and/or tax requirements in relation to the entity, HIPAA, and employees.

Contract Attorney, 2005 – 2007

Contracted with attorneys in Seattle in an office suite with six solo attorneys. Gained experience in areas of family law, contract, personal injury, collections, and criminal law.

Sole Proprietor, Custom Courier Services, 1996 – 2005

Contracted with local companies to complete deliveries, court filings, and process service; also conducted legal research in courts and county offices. Managed large volumes of work in a time sensitive environment.

Intern, King County Dispute Resolution Center, 2002—2004

During law school, worked with clients to resolve conflict through communication and negotiation, and to prepare for mediation. Informed clients about community and legal resources. Also assisted staff with reports, trainings, and fund raising.

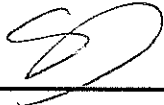
RELEASE OF INFORMATION

- TO: Washington State Bar Association
 Washington State Medical Association
 Washington State Nursing Commission
 Washington State Board of Psychology
 Washington State Department of Licensing

I, Stephen J. DeVoght (WSBA No. 36133) 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

5/30/19

Date

Stephen J. DeVoght

Printed Name

PO Box 2537

Street Address

Vashon, WA 98070

City/State/Zip

DEVOGHT LAW, PLLC
STEPHEN J. DEVOGHT

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VASHON, WA 98070-2537
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STEVE@DEVOGHTLAW.COM

June 9, 2020

GUARDIAN AD LITEM FEE SCHEDULE

I am an attorney, in practice since 2005; I primarily practice in the areas of elder law, guardianships, and estates.

My usual hourly rate is \$225.00; for private pay Guardian ad Litem appointments in Kitsap County my hourly rate is \$200.00.

In county paid Title 11 Guardianship cases, my hourly rate is reduced to the rate set by the court on the order appointing me as GAL; currently the rate in Kitsap County is \$50.00.

Signed this 9th day of June , 2020



Stephen J. DeVoght WSBA #36133

Professional Complaints, Investigations or Disciplinary Actions
(Please check mark one box below)

Description of the 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 duties. (Please attach additional pages if needed). **None**

I affirm that there have been no professional complaints, investigations or disciplinary actions, lawsuits or professional liability claims and any order for removal of the GAL prior to competition of the GAL duties.

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

Date: June 9, 2020

Stephen J. DeVoght, WSBA #36133

Print Name



Signature of Applicant

Claims or Litigations

(Please check mark one box below)

- € 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. (Please attach additional pages if needed).

NONE

- € I affirm that there have been no claims or litigation involving allegations of improper fee charges, charges of fraud, theft or other forms of dishonesty or professional malpractice or misconduct.

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

Date: June 9, 2020

Stephen J. DeVoght, WSBA #36133

Print Name



Signature of Applicant

Certificate of Completion

King County Bar Association

Stephen DeVoght

2020 King County
RCW 11.88.090 Guardianship
Guardian ad Litem Training

Re-Certification via Webcast – June 4, 2020

5.75 Law and Legal and .75 Ethics, Total of 6.50 CLE Credits
Approval # 114 0870



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

THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
FOR KITSAP COUNTY

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JEANETTE M. DALTON, JUDGE
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DEPARTMENT NO. 2

MELISSA A. HEMSTREET, JUDGE
DEPARTMENT NO. 3

WILLIAM C. HOUSER, JUDGE
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JEFFREY P. BASSETT, JUDGE
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KEVIN D. HULL, JUDGE
DEPARTMENT NO. 6

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

Mr. Stephen J. DeVoght
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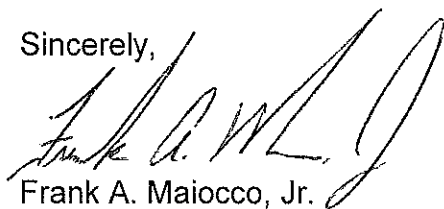
Re: Kitsap County Superior Court Title 11 Guardian ad Litem Registry, 2020-2021

Dear Mr. DeVoght:

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