

# 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: Suzanne Thompson Winger

Business Name or Firm: CTW Law Firm

Business Address: 1410 Main Street

City and State: Sumner, WA Zip Code: 98390

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- Non-Attorney
- Attorney - WSBA or Washington State Certification No: U
- 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. I have served as a GAL since 2008. As of May 1, 2020: I have been appointed in over 325 GAL (Title 11.88) appointments, over 60 SGAL appointments, over 40 appointments representing alleged incapacitated persons, and over 20 Probate GAL cases. I have served as litigating GAL, Special Representative and Special Master. This is a total of over 400 cases representing the expressed preferences or best interests of vulnerable individuals. I have participated in multiple guardianship trials in all roles.

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 1st day of June, 2020, at Burien, Washington.

  
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

PRINT NAME: Suzanne Thompson Winger

**SUZANNE THOMPSON WININGER, RN, BSN, Attorney at Law**

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**Education**

**Gonzaga University School of Law** Spokane, WA

Juris Doctorate, May 2002 WSBA #32870

- ◆ Editor in Chief, *Gonzaga Law Review*
- ◆ Women's Law Caucus, Past President and Past Myra Bradwell Chairman
- ◆ Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, Past Clerk
- ◆ Linden Cup Moot Court Competition, participant

**University of Mary Hardin-Baylor** Belton, TX

Bachelor of Science, Nursing, 1996

- ◆ Texas Nursing Students Association, Convention Director

**University of California** Davis, CA

Bachelor of Science, Human Development, 1992

**Experience**

September 2008- present **Attorney/RN**

**Consultant**

**Campbell Thompson Wininger PLLC DBA CTW Caring Solutions and CTW Law Firm**

- ◆ Manages and operates law practice and nurse consulting firm specializing in representing and care managing clients who may be cognitively or physically impaired, developmentally disabled, have mental health concerns and/or are traumatically brain injured.
- ◆ Provides legal advice and legal services to include wills, powers of attorney, probate, TEDRA, advanced directives, POLSTS, long term care planning, guardianship matters, and protection of vulnerable adults.
- ◆ Title 11.88 Guardian ad Litem; appointed by King, Kitsap and Pierce County Superior Courts to conduct investigations for minors and adults who are alleged to be incapacitated; serves as counsel for Alleged Incapacitated Persons; serves as Settlement guardian ad litem, probate guardian ad litem, Litigating guardian ad litem, and Special Master. I attend yearly GAL trainings in all counties I am a GAL in and often am a educator for the attendees
- ◆ Provides regulatory compliance assessment, evaluation, teaching, hands-on-skills, and knowledge testing related to (to include enforcement requirements from the State of Washington) adult family homes, assisted livings and

nursing homes; staff education; policy and procedure revision; mock inspection; survey consultation or other tailored needs unique to a community.

- ◆ Consultation services can include assessment, care plan, care interventions and evaluations as a service or as a knowledge base teaching opportunity with assessment evaluation and skills testing.
- ◆ Performs accurate, comprehensive nursing assessments specific to a child or adult's biological, psychological, social, and spiritual well-being; to include, but not limited to care plans, negotiated service agreements, educational plans/curriculum, work/employment, and social development
- ◆ Develops care plans and identifies resources to assist non-paid family members who are the primary care providers for their children, aging parents, disabled siblings or other loved ones, in an effort to provide continued effective care, and maximizing financial and social resources and preventing burn out.
- ◆ Promotes and advocates for child and adult rights, including special education, home care resources, discharge planning, and care resources.
- ◆ Serves as a RN expert witness involving vulnerable adult abuse, negligence and wrongful death.

August 2006-August 2008     **Field Manager Residential Care Services, Region 6 Department of Social and Health Services**

- ◆ Managed and supervised 13 field staff (14 staff total) who (1) licensed adult family homes (AFH) and (2) assisted livings (AL); and (2) performed state and federal licensure of nursing homes (NH); (3) investigated resident abuse in these facilities. This geographical area was specific to 8 counties and included approximately 300 adult family homes, 44 boarding homes and 16-18 nursing homes. The staff included 12 registered nurses, one non-nurse and one administrative assistant, who resided in 3 different offices: Olympia, Kelso and Vancouver.
- ◆ Comprehensive detailed command of AFH, AL and NH Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and Washington Administrative Code (WAC) regulatory base;
- ◆ Comprehensive detailed command of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) F tags related to NH statutory compliance and CMS (federal) enforcement remedies

- ◆ Detailed knowledge of the inspection/survey/complaint process and procedures for AFH, AL and NH; accountable to ensure inspection and complaint investigations were conducted accurately and timely, according to procedure, statutory time lines, Complaint Resolution Unit process and Governor expectations (GMAP)
- ◆ Investigated allegations of facility failed practice and vulnerable adult abuse in AFH & AL and license AFH and AL facilities to ensure compliance with statutory requirements.
- ◆ Investigated allegations of facility failed practice and vulnerable adult abuse in nursing homes and license NH facilities to ensure compliance with state and federal regulatory requirements.
- ◆ Assessed and determined best course of action to take to protect and further promote the goals and objectives of the Department; made timely/responsive decisions using a logical and rationale approach, while maintaining transparency within statutory requirements
- ◆ Concisely, accurately and timely produced written reports of investigation/survey/inspection conclusions in AFH, AL and NH facilities.
- ◆ Effectively communicated in writing and orally, & facilitated communication with facilities (AFH, AL & NH) the Department, administrators, community stakeholders, family members, & residents.
- ◆ Provided objective and timely civil or federal enforcement recommendations to RCS headquarters
- ◆ Recruited, interviewed and hired; mentored, delegated, coached, trained; prepared and conducted performance evaluations; implemented necessary corrective action; developed work plans; and provided daily oversight guidance. Maintained accurate desk files and reported attendance timely and accurately.
- ◆ Ensured staff collected data and wrote reports that were outcome-based, solid/accurate and objective and timely.
- ◆ Key member of regional RCS management team with significant input on development and changes to statewide policies and formation of long-range program objectives.

June 2004-July 2006 Legal Benefits Advisor and Attorney Home and Community Services, Region 6 Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)

- ◆ Provided sound legal advice and consultation to 21 Adult Protective Services (APS) social workers and 5 or more HCS management staff in 12 counties, including the Regional Administrator.
- ◆ Advised, designed, planned, drafted and led policy and procedure development for Region 6 APS management and staff related to Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Washington Administrative Code (WAC), and DSHS Long Term Care manual Chapter 6.
- ◆ Developed and implemented training and investigatory tools for APS staff related to conducting APS investigations and investigation outcome determinations. Served as a key member of the panel reviewing all cases substantiated for vulnerable adult abuse.
- ◆ Advised, designed, planned, developed, and leaded policy and procedure development for APS administrative fair hearings, including lead counsel presenting arguments supporting the Department's position; preparing witness testimony; drafting, assembling and reviewing legal documents: subpoenas, motions, hearing exhibits, witness lists, memorandums, briefs, & DSHS Board of Appeals; intimate working knowledge of DSHS hearing rules, rules of evidence and civil procedure, and administrative appeals.
- ◆ Managed one legal secretary including supervision; recruiting, interviewing and hiring; mentoring, delegating, coaching, training; preparing and conducting performance evaluations; implementing necessary corrective action; developing work plans; and providing daily oversight guidance. Maintained accurate desk file and reported attendance timely and accurately.
- ◆ Accountable for all public disclosure requests for Region 6 and to respond to all requests within timeframes mandated by law. Reviews all requests for compliance with the RCW, WAC, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), and HIPPA. Provided training to over 100 regional staff (12 counties) on public disclosure, discovery, fair hearings, and HIPPA. Accurately maintained detailed spreadsheet and hard-copy files on every request and reported regional statistics quarterly to Aging and Disability Services Administration Public Disclosure Coordinator.
- ◆ Key member of HCS management team with significant input on development and changes to statewide policies and formation of long-range program objectives.

- ◆ Served as the DSHS Representative to the Certified Professional Guardian Board during tenure; recommended for position by Assistant Secretary Kathy Leitch.

March 2003-May 2004      **Judicial Clerkship**  
**Honorable Elaine Houghton, Washington State Court of Appeals (Div. II)**

- ◆ Responsible for writing non-partisan, simple to complex appellate memoranda, including civil and criminal litigation. Legal issues included, but were not limited to: administrative law, health law, statutory interpretation, dissolution, paternity, family law, land use, construction, sentencing, evidence, contracts, tax, torts, employment law, civil procedure, court rules, community property, and constitutional rights.
- ◆ Proficient research skills with hard copy and computer generated materials
- ◆ Assisted in drafting judicial opinions
- ◆ Responsible for substantive and technical editing of judicial opinions

September 2002- August 2005 **Emergency Department**  
**Registered Nurse      Medical Staffing Network, Inc.**

- ◆ Functioned as a Registered Nurse in emergency departments in the Seattle/Tacoma area that were in need of experienced emergency nurses
- ◆ Performed advanced clinical nursing skills on clients from newborn through late adulthood, including triage in Level I-III emergency departments
- ◆ Collaborated with an array of health care providers to implement the level of care needed for each client
- ◆ Prioritized client care based on the needs of the client, the resources of the Emergency Department, and assigned client load
- ◆ Maintained thorough documentation on each client including an objective and subjective assessment, interventions performed, and intervention responses

**Professional License**

Attorney, State of Washington;      Registered Nurse,  
Washington (active); Texas (inactive)

**Publications**

*Why, After All This Time, is the FAA Just Now Mandating Child Restraint Systems on Aircraft?* 37 GONZ. L. REV. 533 - 561 (2002).

**Professional Organizations and Accomplishments**

Washington State Title 11.88 GAL Registries: Kitsap and King Counties: 2008-current; Pierce County : 2009-2010; 2011-current; King County Settlement Guardian ad Litem (SGAL) 2012-current; Pierce County SGAL 2017-current.

2008-present: Member to the Advisory Committee Guardianship Curriculum Development UW Educational Outreach- chair of the Guardianship of the Person committee curriculum

2008-2009: University of Washington Educational Outreach adjunct faculty member for the Certified Professional Guardian Certificate Program Guardianship of the Person and the Estate; Authored the Government Benefits manual for the U.W. Guardianship Certificate Program currently in use;

October 1, 2005-September 30, 2008: Certified Professional Guardian Board (CPGB) member; 2007: CPGB Co-chair Education committee

Guest Lecturer on Long Term Care issues, Medicaid, health care issues affecting vulnerable adults, guardianships and vulnerable adult abuse for numerous professional, health care and civic organizations to include for Washington State bar Association Elder Law Section; American Lake Veteran's Hospital Social Workers; Washington Association of Professional Guardians; King County Bar Association; Certified Professional Guardian training; King County Prosecutor's Office; Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association, King County Bar Association, Kitsap County Legal Services and Washington Healthcare Association (A+ Administrator Training (Nursing instructor) and Advanced Assisted Living Nurse Academy instructor).

Washington State Bar Association member:  
Elder Law Section Executive Committee member/CLE  
Co-Chair (October 1, 2016-current)

Tacoma Pierce County Bar Association member; Guardiansl section member; chair of the 2011 and 2012 CLE;



King County Bar Association member, Elder Law/guardianship section; Tri-chair of the KCBA Elder law section Guardian Ad Litem Training Committee (2014-2017)

Past DSHS Advisory Committee co-chair, Title 11.88  
Statewide Guardianship Guardian ad Litem Training

King County Volunteer Legal Services Neighborhood Legal Clinic, Kent

Sumner Rotary Club member

Washington Health Care Association, Associate Member

Mental Health Specialty Training certificate,  
WA Department of Social & Health Services

Developmental Disabilities Specialty Training certificate,  
WA Department of Social & Health Services

Manager Dementia Specialty Training certificate,  
WA Department of Social & Health Services

SMQT (CMS Federally Qualified) Nursing  
Home Surveyor/complaint investigator non-QIS

2008-2009 Veterans Affairs Social Work  
Director's Community Partner Award Recipient:  
American Lake

Alpha Phi International Sorority; Epsilon Rho  
Chapter University of California, Davis; Membership  
Selection Chair 1991-92

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls Majority  
Member, Grand Worthy Associate Advisor, California 1989

Order of the Eastern Star, Lifetime Member, Temple  
Chapter Sacramento, CA consolidated 2019 to New Hope

Avid Runner; reader; Loves WSU Cougars and Gonzaga  
Bulldogs; Women Sounders, OL Reign and Sounders fan



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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
IN AND FOR KITSAP COUNTY

In Re the Guardianship of:  
  
An Alleged Incapacitated Person

NO.  
  
GUARDIAN AD LITEM  
STATEMENT OF  
QUALIFICATIONS

**GUARDIAN AD LITEM STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS**

This statement is presented as required by RCW 11.88.090(3)(b):

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

1. Level of formal education: JD, Gonzaga University School of Law 2002;  
BS Nursing, University of Mary Hardin Baylor 1996;  
BS, Human Development University of California, Davis 1992

2. Professional Licenses: Attorney WSBA #32870;  
Washington Registered Nurse RN 00136254 (exp. 9/23/20);

B. Brief Statement of Experience and Qualifications: Requisite areas of background, knowledge, training, and experience are detailed below:

- Level of formal education: JD, Gonzaga University School of Law 2002; BSN, University of Mary Hardin Baylor 1996; BS, Human Development University of California, Davis 1992. I have been a Registered Nurse

1 over 23 years and an attorney for 17 years with a focus on  
2 Elder Law, protection of vulnerable adults and children,  
3 probate and guardianship.

- 4 • Training related to Guardian ad Litem duties: I have been a  
5 GAL since 2008. WA State Title 11.88-GAL Re-certification and  
6 initial Certifications which assist in understanding medical  
7 issues (cognitive and physical):

8 King County Bar Association: Anticipated June 4, 2020;  
9 April 25-26, 2019; April 27, 2018; April 6-7, 2017; June  
10 2-3, 2016; May 14-15, 2015; April 4, 2014; April 12,  
11 2013; April 20, 2012; May 5-6, 2011; May 14, 2010;  
12 April 23-24, 2009; May 15-16, 2008;

13 Pierce County: Anticipated November 5, 2020; November  
14 14, 2019; November 8, 2018; November 16, 2017;  
15 November 17, 2016; November 12, 2015; November 7,  
16 2014; November 7, 2013; November 1, 2012 (Annual  
17 Guardianship Seminar).

18 Kitsap County: Kitsap's 2020 training was postponed  
19 due to the pandemic; May 22, 2019; April 16, 2018; May  
20 27, 2017; May 29, 2014; May 30, 2013; May 30, 2012;  
21 May 21, 2010;

22 Certified Professional Guardianship Training September  
23 2007;

- 24 • As of May 1, 2020: I have been appointed in over 60 SGAL  
25 appointments, over 325 GAL (Title 11.88) appointments, over  
26 40 appointments representing alleged incapacitated persons,  
and over 20 Probate GAL cases. I have served as litigating  
GAL, Special Representative and Special Master. This is a total  
of over 400 cases representing the expressed preferences or

1 best interests of vulnerable individuals. I have participated in  
2 multiple guardianship trials in all roles.

- 3 • Training related to Settlement Guardian ad Litem duties: King  
4 County Bar Association Settlement Guardian ad Litem Training  
5 October 23, 2015 and October 25, 2011; Tacoma Pierce County  
6 Bar Association (TPCBA) Settlement GAL training on November  
7 7, 2019 and January 26, 2017. Number of years' experience as  
8 Settlement Guardian ad Litem:

9 In my current elder law and nurse consulting practice, I provide advocacy,  
10 legal advice and labor, nurse consulting and care management to  
11 vulnerable adults to promote resident rights, safety and quality of life. I  
12 serve clients in their own home/assisted living/skilled nursing facility and I  
13 also serve nursing homes and boarding homes (assisted living) with staff  
14 development, accessing community resources, care planning of complex  
15 residents, and compliance regulation.

16 I serve on the University of Washington's Professional and Continuing  
17 Education Guardianship curriculum development Advisory Group for  
18 Guardian of the Person. I authored the Governmental Benefits manual for  
19 the Guardianship Certificate program.

20 I have taught assisted living nurse courses to beginning and experienced  
21 nurses. I have also taught the nursing portion of the Assisted Living  
22 Administrator course required by law to become an Assisted Living  
23 Administrator. All of these courses are sponsored through Washington  
24 Health Care Association (WHCA). I continue to work with individual long-  
25 term care facilities teaching their nursing staff about compliant care and  
26 vulnerable adult protections.

1 I have served as an adjunct faculty member for the Certificate Program for  
2 the University of Washington Educational Outreach Guardianship program.  
3 This program is the contracted provider responsible to teach the 6 month,  
4 100-hour training to become a certified professional guardian in our state  
5 on behalf of the Certified Professional Guardian Board.

6 From 2004-2008, I protected vulnerable adults from abuse and promoted  
7 resident rights and quality of life while working for the Department of Social  
8 & Health Services, Home and Community Services (Adult Protective  
9 Services) and Residential Care Services.

10 (1) With Adult Protective Services, my primary responsibility was  
11 litigating substantiated findings of vulnerable adult abuse  
12 findings on behalf of the Department at the Administrative  
13 Law level and DSHS Board of Appeals.

14 (2) With Residential Care Services, I supervised staff responsible  
15 for licensing adult family homes, boarding homes and skilled  
16 nursing facilities and investigated allegations of abuse and  
17 neglect in these facilities. I also performed licensing surveys  
18 and inspections with my staff and investigated allegations of  
19 abused and neglect according to federal and state regulations.  
20 I am federally qualified (non-QIS) as surveyor for nursing  
21 homes.

22 I served on the Certified Professional Guardian Board (CPGB) from October  
23 1, 2005-September 20, 2008; including the education, ethics and  
24 application committees.

25 Criminal history for a period of the last ten years (as defined in RCW  
26 9.94.A.030)- I have no criminal history.

1 I have never been removed as a Guardian ad Litem from any Washington  
2 County.

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4 Knowledge or experience in needs of:

- 5 (b) Impaired elderly:
- 6 (c) Persons with physical disabilities:
- 7 (d) Persons with mental illness:
- 8 (e) Persons with developmental disabilities
- 9 (f) Other incapacitated persons

10 My Bachelor of Science degrees in Human Development  
11 and Nursing both lay a foundation for my theoretical  
12 knowledge of the developmental and aging process when  
13 interacting with, caring for, and understanding impaired  
14 elderly, and individuals with physical disabilities, mental  
15 illnesses, developmental disabilities, traumatic brain  
16 injuries, and other disease processes or traumatic injuries  
17 that may lead to incapacitation.

18 My extensive emergency nursing and long term care  
19 experience, coupled with my experience as a nursing home  
20 surveyor and an investigator of vulnerable adult abuse in  
21 residential community settings (adult family homes,  
22 boarding homes, and nursing homes) lends to my ability to  
23 serve as a Guardian ad Litem. I have been a RN for over 18  
24 years.

25 I currently provide legal advice and labor and registered  
26 nurse consulting services to clients who have  
developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injuries,

1 dementia or other cognitive impairments, or need  
2 assistance with their activities of daily living.

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4 Fees: My usual GAL rate is \$250.00 hour; usual attorney rate is \$300/hr.  
5 I will accept the county pay rate in ordered cases. In addition, actual  
6 expenses allowed will be reimbursed (i.e. medical reports, postage,  
7 copy/fax, filing fees, mileage, etc.).

8 Conflict of Interest/Contact with a Party: I serve on the Trust Advisor  
9 Committee of one of Commencement Bay Guardianship Services client's  
10 and am on the Board of Directors for Ohana Fiduciary Corporation. If a  
11 conflict or appearance of conflict arises, I will let the parties and the court  
12 know immediately.

13 I have successfully completed the model Guardian ad Litem training  
14 programs of Kitsap, Pierce and King Counties as identified above.

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16 I have never had any claim or litigation commenced against me; nor have  
17 there ever been any allegations of improper fee charges, charges of fraud,  
18 theft or other forms of dishonesty or malpractice or misconduct filed or  
19 founded against me.

20 I have had two attorney grievances filed against me at the  
21 WSBA. I was notified 9/26/11, by the Washington State Bar  
22 Association, a grievance was filed by the daughter of a  
23 vulnerable adult I petitioned guardianship over on behalf of  
24 another family member (my client). The daughter was  
25 unhappy with who the AIP chose as a guardian. The Bar  
26 has said "there is insufficient evidence to warrant further  
action; therefore, we are dismissing your grievance under



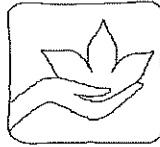
1 ELC 5.6(a)." The grievant appealed their dismissal, and the  
2 Bar unanimously dismissed the appeal on June 15, 2012. I  
3 have never been subject to a professional investigation or  
4 disciplinary action, lawsuit or professional liability claims  
5 made against me in any professional career as a RN or an  
6 attorney.

7 I was notified on July 22, 2015, by the Washington State Bar  
8 Association, a grievance was filed by the daughter of an  
9 incapacitated person. I served as the incapacitated person's  
10 attorney and was appointed by the court. The daughter was  
11 unhappy that the court removed her as guardian of the  
12 person and a Certified Professional Guardian appointed. The  
13 Order Appointing Guardian contained a scrivener's error that  
14 stated I represented the daughter as attorney, when it  
15 should have said I represented the incapacitated person. An  
16 Amended Order Appointing Guardian to fix the error was  
17 entered on October 26, 2015. The Washington State Bar  
18 Association dismissed the grievance and also dismissed the  
19 appeal of the grievance. I have never been subject to an order  
20 for removal as a Guardian ad Litem (GAL) prior to completion  
21 of my GAL duties.

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

25 Signed at Sumner, Washington this 1st day of June, 2020.

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Suzanne Thompson Wininger, WSBA #32870



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**KITSAP COUNTY GAL REGISTRY 2020  
FEE SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION RELATED TO CLAIMS,  
INVESTIGATIONS, DISCIPLINE, ETC.**

I am an experienced attorney and Registered Nurse in the area of Elder Law.

My usual hourly rate is \$300/hr. I accept \$250/hr hour in GAL cases.

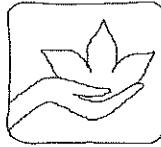
- Actual expenses allowed will be reimbursed (i.e. medical reports, mileage, faxes, certified, copies, filing fees, tolls, parking, etc).
- Copies, when reimbursed are a minimum of .15 cents a page or the time to copy the documents
- Travel is from the county line but may need to reflect where the client or individuals involved in the case are located.
- This information is meant to serve as information only.

**Professional Complaints:**

A. I have never had any claim or litigation commenced against me; nor have there ever been any allegations of improper fee charges, charges of fraud, theft or other forms of dishonesty or malpractice or misconduct filed against me. I have never been subject to a professional investigation or disciplinary action, lawsuit or professional liability claims made against me in any professional career as a RN or an attorney. I have never been subject to any grievance, allegation or complaint as an RN.

B. I have had three attorney grievances filed against me.

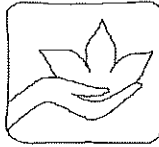
- An individual I have never had contact with, wrote a demand letter requesting \$500,000 in payment to her for what she identified as interference with her relationship with her mother. I was the court appointed attorney for her mother/the incapacitated person, upon motion of the guardian of the estate to remove the daughter/complainant as guardian of the person due to allegations of financial exploitation and neglect of her mother. The incapacitated person wanted counsel. At all times, I represented the incapacitated person, not the complainant. The complainant and did not participate in the process. The guardian ad litem recommended the daughter/complainant be removed as guardian of the person of her mother.



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- The daughter then filed a Bar complaint against myself, the Guardian of the estate's attorney and the GAL alleging the same and seeking compensation from the Bar. The Bar notified me of the complaint in a July 22, 2015 response to the complainant that the grievance was dismissed for insufficient evidence to warrant further action.
- The daughter then appealed to the Review Committee. On November 4, 2015, I received a letter stating, "[t]he Review Committee for disciplinary counsel dismissal of this grievance with no further action. This order is not appealable." This was a three-person panel with all three supporting dismissal.
- On November 23, 2015, I received information from the daughter/complainant that she filed a the Notice of Appeal to Division I of the Court of Appeals objecting to a final order entered October 26, 2015, confirming I only represented the incapacitated person throughout the entire process of which I was appointed. Division I dismissed the petition on February 29, 2016 after oral argument and briefing. The complainant did not participate in the process.
- In late October 2015, an independent reviewer notified me he found no merit to a Bar Complaint he had been reviewing for near two years. I was unaware of this Bar complaint; it was the first I heard of it to the best of my recollection. He sent me documents from January 28, 2014 that I was named with two other attorneys in the same Bar complaint.
  - I had no idea who the complainant was and no recollection of ever engaging with her. I could not figure out which case this involved and a couple of case names written in the complaint were not ones I have evidence of serving on. A signature page identifying me as a GAL in a case I do recall was in part of the documents, but nothing relating to my actions in that case appeared to be part of the complaint. There was no other indication how my involvement in unknown cases warranted a grievance.
  - It was dismissed.



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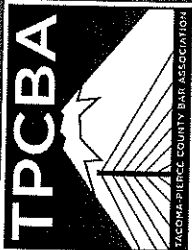
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- I was notified 9/26/11, by the Washington State Bar Association, a grievance was filed by the daughter of a vulnerable adult I petitioned guardianship over on behalf of another family member (my client). The daughter was unhappy a guardianship petition was filed. After initial review of the grievance, the Bar determined on 9/25/11, "there is insufficient evidence to warrant further action; therefore, we are dismissing your grievance under ELC 5.6(a)."

I am willing to provide the Bar's response to the grievances upon request.

- C. I have never been subject to an order for removal as a Guardian ad Litem (GAL) prior to completion of my GAL duties.

6-1-20  
Suzanne Wininger



# 18th Annual Guardianship Seminar

Thursday, November 14, 2019

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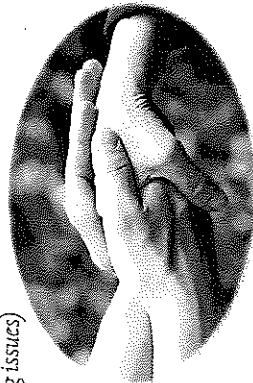


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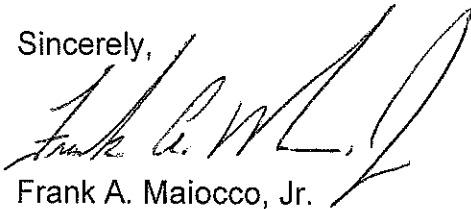
Re: Kitsap County Superior Court Title 11 Guardian ad Litem Registry, 2020-2021

Dear Ms. Thompson Winger:

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.  
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Kitsap County Superior Court