

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: Boni Cherelle
Business Name or Firm: Boni Cherelle
Business Address: 2916 NW Bucklin Hill Rd #475
City and State: Silverdale, WA Zip Code: 98383
Business Phone: (360) 930-4145 Fax: (1-866) 696-5292
Email Address: bcherelle@yahoo.com

- Non-Attorney
- Attorney - WSBA or Washington State Certification No: _____
- I am willing to serve as a Guardian ad Litem 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.

25 years experience as an attorney in Colorado & Wyoming. Colorado practice included 100+ appointments as a Juvenile Court GAL and a Child & Family Investigator in Family Court; 1 year as a CASA Volunteer. 14 GAL appointments in Kitsap County; 2 GAL appointments in Jefferson County; 4 GAL appointments in Snohomish County; 11 GAL appointments in Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal Court

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:

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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 26.

OR

I am currently on the Guardian ad Litem Registry and have included a certificate of updated training taken within the last year. (Requirement waived due to COVID-19 Kitsap County training cancellation)

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

DATED this 20th day of April, 2020, at Kingston, Washington.


SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

PRINT NAME: Boni Cherelle

Boni Cherelle, J.D.

bcherelle@yahoo.com

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Bar Admissions

Colorado State Bar

Wyoming State Bar

U.S. District Court for the District of Wyoming

U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Colorado

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal Court

Suquamish Tribal Court

Experience

Civil Advice Clinic - Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

2.5 years

- Provide civil advice and assistance for matters within the jurisdiction of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal Community Court for community members

Mediator - Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

2 years

- Provide mediation/conflict resolution services

Guardian ad litem – Washington Superior Courts

Kitsap 07/2012 – Present

Kitsap, Snohomish Counties Title 26 RCW Registries

Snohomish 08/2014 – Present

Jefferson County

Jefferson 05/2015 - 2018

- Investigation/child advocacy/court report writing in parenting plans, parentage and relocation cases (completed cases in Kitsap and Clallam Counties) in accordance with Washington State statutory requirements.

Certified Mediator Practitioner

6 years

Boni Cherelle

- **Mediator:** Facilitative, interest-based, and evaluative conflict resolution services to help individuals use self-determination to: work through divorce, division of assets, parenting plan development and modifications; resolve family conflict issues that arise in; employer-employee relations and workplace complaints. 100+ mediations completed.

Attorney

10 years

Boni Cherelle, LLC

Aurora, CO

- Law practice with emphasis in child welfare, domestic relations, employment law
- Guardian *ad litem*, Denver Juvenile Court (dependency and neglect, delinquency)
- Child and Family Investigator, Domestic Relations, Denver District Court

Staff Attorney

9 years

University of Wyoming

Laramie, WY

Contract EEOC Investigator

2 years

Grant Communications

Del Mar, CA

Education & Certifications

Juris Doctorate - Arizona State University School of Law, Tempe, AZ

Bachelor of Arts, Education - Washington State University, Pullman, WA

Washington Mediation Association Certification

Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County Certification

Training/Professional Development

National Indian Child Welfare Act (NICWA) Virtual Conference 19.0 hrs

03/30-04/01/2020

38th Annual Protecting Our Children – Child Abuse and Neglect

AFCC Webinar

02/26/2020

Judges Discussion Parent Child Contact Problems in Family Courts AFCC Webinar	02/24/2020
Judges Discussion of Substance Abuse Issues in Family Courts 25th Northwest Dispute Resolution Conference 7.0 hrs	03/28-29/2019
University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, WA AFCC Annual Conference WA Chapter 6.75 hrs	03/23, 24/2019
Fractured Families and Fresh Solutions 24rd Northwest Dispute Resolution Conference 7.0 hrs	03/24/2017
University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, WA Title 26 Guardian Ad Litem Update Training 7.0 hrs	04/10/2018
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Association of Family and Conciliation Courts WA Chapter Sixth Annual Conference – Family Law and Parenting Evaluation Program	03/25/2017
23rd Northwest Dispute Resolution Conference 7.0 hrs	03/24/2017
University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, WA Title 26 Guardian Ad Litem Update Training 7.0 hrs	04/13/2016
Kitsap Legal Services, Kitsap County Superior Court - Port Orchard, WA Maximizing the Deal: Helping Clients Achieve Success in Their Settlement – Association of Professional Family Mediators - Webinar	01/19/2016
It's Not Over: Avoiding Future Parenting Plan Problems for Parents	01/12/2016
King County Bar Association - Webinar Domestic Violence Awareness Training for Mediators 24.0 hrs	May 2015
Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County & YWCA Bremerton, Washington Title 26 Guardian Ad Litem Update Training 7.0 hrs	05/21/2015
Kitsap Legal Services, Kitsap County Superior Court - Port Orchard, WA American Bar Association's 17th Annual Dispute Resolution Conference	April 2015
Seattle, Washington Washington Mediation Association Unconference	10/24/2014
Emerging and contemporary confliction resolution topics, Tukwila, WA Title 26 Guardian Ad Litem Training Update 6.5 hrs	05/22/2014
Kitsap Legal Services, Kitsap County Superior Court - Port Orchard, WA Northwest Dispute Resolution Conference – Seattle, WA	March 2013
Washington Courts Lay Guardian Online Training	September 2012
Mediation Internship	
Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County, Silverdale, WA Washington State Title 26 Family Law Guardian Ad Litem Initial Certification Training	
King County Bar Association, Seattle WA Kids First Training – Parenting Class Observation	
Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County, Silverdale, WA 40-Hour Professional Mediation Training	
Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County, Silverdale, WA Engaging Parents During Your Investigation	
Jim Barroffio, Psych.D., Denver, CO Preserving Connections for Children: How to Develop Effective Visits	
Colorado Department of Human Services, Aurora, CO Cornerstone Advocacy Part 2: Services and Education	
Office of the Child's Representative, Broomfield, CO Cornerstone Advocacy Part 1: Placements and Visits	

Office of the Child's Representative, Salida, CO
Delinquency, Dependency and Neglect
 Office of the Child's Representative, Brighton, CO
Domestic Relations Conference
 Office of the Child's Representative, Denver, CO
Assessment of Young Children for Developmental Delays
 Metropolitan State College of Denver Family Center (7 hours)
Looking to the Future in Child Advocacy
 Office of the Child's Representative, Steamboat Springs, CO
Best Efforts and Practices in Pediatric Law
 Office of the Child's Representative, Brighton, CO

Professional Presentations

"Opening Statements" Basic Mediation Training – Seattle, WA - 2019
 "Child Advocacy for Mediators" Silverdale, WA - 2014
 "Completing Child Support Worksheets for Mediators" Silverdale, WA - 2014
 "Domestic Violence Awareness Training" Panel Member for Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County – Silverdale, WA 2012

Professional Organizations

Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs
 American Association for Affirmative Action
 Region VII Alternate Director
 Aurora Bar Association
 College & University Personnel Association
 Colorado Bar Association
 National Association of Colleges & University Attorneys
 National Bar Association
 Sam Cary Bar Association
 Washington Mediation Association
 Women's Bar Association
 Wyoming Bar Association

Community Service

Dispute Resolution Center of King County – Trainer	2018 - present
Dispute Resolution Center of King County – Volunteer Mediator	2016 - present
Seattle University Student ADR Competition Judge	2014
Kitsap Legal Services Volunteer	2013 – 2016
Divorce Workshops and Supplemental Security Income Advice Clinics	
Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County – Mentor Mediator/Coach	2018 - present
Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County – Vice President	2015 - 2016
Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County – Board Member	2013 – 2016
Chair – 25 th Anniversary (2015) Committee	
Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County – Volunteer Mediator	2012 – present
Domestic Violence Court Outreach for DRC	
Metro State Volunteer Lawyers – Pro bono attorney	
University of Denver, Strum College of Law Negotiations Competition	
Judge	
Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center	

Volunteer Guardian *ad litem* in protection order cases
Denver County Court Small Claims Workshop Volunteer Presenter
KUSA- Law Line 9, staff phone lines and provide legal advice
to community callers, Denver, CO
Center for Women's Employment and Education, Denver, CO
Board Member
Stanley British Primary School Room Parent, Denver, CO
Arapaho Advocates for Children CASA, Aurora, CO
FIPSE (Funds for the Improvement of Post-Secondary
Education) Grant Reviewer, Colorado
Casey Family Program Foster Parent, Wyoming

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, Boni Cherelle
(Professional License No. _____) 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

4-20-2020

Date

Boni Cherelle

Printed Name

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Fee Schedule

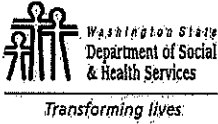
\$140.00 per hour includes travel and costs

\$3,000.00* retainer payable before work commences

10 days-notice and advance costs required for discovery requests**

***Order appointing GAL should authorize up to 2x retainer without further order**

****Depending on size of the files, GAL may request advance costs for 3-5 hours of time at 140.00/hr. and 25¢ per copy/scan.**



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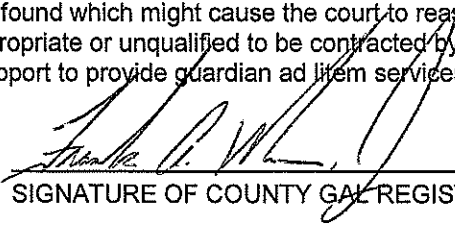
Guardian Ad Litem Annual Background Verification

The guardian ad litem registry in Kitsap County, Washington, verifies the following:

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2. The county guardian ad litem registry maintains a background information record for each guardian ad litem, in accordance with RCW 26.12.175(3). The background information record is processed prior to initial appointment, and is reviewed annually by the county guardian ad litem registry.
3. On 04/07/2020 (date), the guardian ad litem registry of this county completed a background information review for the above-listed individual.
4. No negative or disqualifying actions were found which might cause the court to reasonably believe that the guardian ad litem could be deemed inappropriate or unqualified to be contracted by the Department of Social and Health Services, Division of Child Support to provide guardian ad litem services in the above-listed county.

04/07/2020

DATE SIGNED


SIGNATURE OF COUNTY GAL REGISTRY PROGRAM MANAGER

Frank A. Maiocco, Jr.

PRINTED NAME

Superior Court Administrator

POSITION/JOB TITLE

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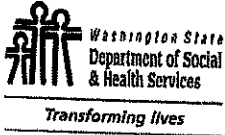
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

(360) 337-4455

TELEPHONE NUMBER

Return this completed form to:
ATTN GOVERNMENT LIAISON
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT
PO BOX 9162
OLYMPIA WA 98507-9162

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Guardian *ad litem* and Certified Mediator
bcherelle@yahoo.com

April 20, 2020

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.


2 GAL Removal Motions - Denied

03/25/2017 – Kitsap Superior Court Case #15-3-01086-2 – Removal Request by Petitioner denied by Judge Bassett

01/19/2018 – Kitsap Superior Court Case #15-3-01086-2 – Removal Request by Petitioner based on GAL named in Kitsap Superior Court Case #17-2-02160-18 denied by Judge Houser

12/19/2017 Kitsap Superior Court Civil Complaint 17-2-02160-18

Wayne Houston acknowledged liability for misappropriating ward funds and distribution of funds through business accounts. Complaint maintains Boni Cherelle has community and separate liability for Wayne Houston's misappropriation of ward funds due to their marriage and as an officer of Cross Point Services, LLC. No evidence of collusion was brought to show Boni Cherelle colluded with Mr. Houston to misappropriate funds. Boni Cherelle did not actively participate in management of the LLC and had no signatory authority or access to any of the Cross Point Service's Accounts, Guardianship Accounts or Guardian's business bank accounts. Boni Cherelle operates her guardian ad litem business as a sole proprietor, Boni Cherelle.



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THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
FOR KITSAP COUNTY

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JEANETTE M. DALTON, JUDGE
DEPARTMENT NO. 1
MICHELLE ADAMS, JUDGE
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MELISSA A. HEMSTREET, JUDGE
DEPARTMENT NO. 3
WILLIAM C. HOUSER, JUDGE
DEPARTMENT NO. 4
JEFFREY P. BASSETT, JUDGE
DEPARTMENT NO. 5

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

Ms. Boni Cherelle
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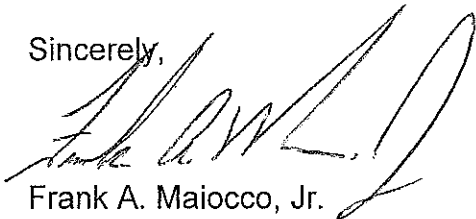
Re: Kitsap County Superior Court Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Registry, 2020-2021

Dear Ms. Cherelle:

The Kitsap County Superior Court Guardian ad Litem Committee has received and reviewed your application for the Title 26 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