

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 NICHAEELS

Business Name or Firm: LAW OFFICE OF TANYA NICHAEELS

Business Address: 3965 BETHEL RD SE, SUITE 1 - PMB 246

City and State: PORT ORCHARD, WA Zip Code: 98366

Business Phone: (253) 858-9339 Fax: (253) 858-9339 [manually operated]

Email Address: TANYA.M@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 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.

Family law/domestic relations attorney since 1996.

RCW Title 26 GAL - King County - 2005 to 2013.

RCW Title 26 GAL - Kitsap County - 2010 to present.

Served as a King County CASA GAL on over 25 cases from 1990 to 2005. To date I have served as a Title 26 GAL on 28 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 (0)

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 (attached)
- 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. (see statement #1, attached.)
- 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. (2019)

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

DATED this 30th day of April, 2020, at Gig Harbor, Washington.

Tanya Michaels
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

PRINT NAME: TANYA MICHAELS

CURRICULUM VITAE

TANYA MICHAELS

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 - present Kitsap County RCW Title 26 (Family Law) Guardian ad Litem
2005 - 2013 King County RCW Title 26 (Family Law) Guardian ad Litem
1996 – present Sole Practitioner Family Law Attorney
1991 – 2012 King County Family Law CASA (Court Appointed Special
Advocate)
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:

President, Lake of the Woods Community Club – 2012 to present
Kitsap Legal Services, Clinic Volunteer Attorney – 2012 to 2019
King County Family Law CASA, 1991-2012
Vashon Island Neighborhood Legal Clinic, Volunteer Attorney - 4 years

TRAINING:

- 5/2019 RCW Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Update Training – Kitsap Co. Superior Court
- 12/2018 WSBA Family Law Section Annual Fall CLE [including new Parentage statutes; Possible Relocation Act Changes; Customized Parenting Plan Provisions; Kinship Caregiver Families; New Uniform Parentage Act and new Non-Parental Child Visitation Statute.]
- 12/2018 Domestic Violence Protection Orders
- 12/2018 WSBA and WSBA Family Law Section – “Appointing a Guardian ad Litem”
- 6/2018 Kitsap Bar Assoc. and Kitsap Legal Services’ Family Law and Military Issues CLE
- 5/2017 RCW Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Update Training – Kitsap Co. Superior Court
- 9/2016 RCW Title 26 Update Advanced Training for GAL – Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Washington
- 4/2016 RCW Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Update Training - Kitsap Co. Superior Court
- 5/2015 RCW Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Update Training – Kitsap Co. Superior Court
- 5/2014 RCW Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Update Training – Kitsap Co. Superior Court
- 6/2013 WSBA Family Law Section Midyear Meeting and Seminar CLE (3 day) [including Parenting Plan Modification; Relocation Updates; Representing Client in Same-Sex Relationships; Military Divorces]
- 5/2013 RCW Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Update Training – Kitsap Co. Superior Court
- 5/2012 RCW Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Update Training – Kitsap Co. Superior Court
- 4/2012 Significance of Childhood Attachment CLE
- 10/2011 Divorce Minefields and Milestones: Interdisciplinary Resources and Roads
- 10/2011 6th Annual Family Law Hot Topics: War, Peace & Unhappy Families
- 5/2011 RCW Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Update Training – Kitsap Co. Superior Court
- 3/2011 Early Mediation & Mediation/Arbitration
- 1/2011 Assessing Skills/Possible Delays in Preschool Children CLE
- 10/2010 Washington State CASA’s 18th Annual Conference CLE
- 6/2010 Mediating International Parenting Cases CLE
- 6/2010 WSBA Family Law Section Midyear Meeting and Seminar CLE (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 CLE
4/2010	Developmental Milestones for Children and the Impact of Neglect, Abuse and Attachment Disruptions CLE
10/2008	Internet Investigative Research Strategies for Legal Professionals CLE
6/2008	Family Law Midyear Meeting and Seminar CLE (3 day)
3/2008	American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers 14 th Annual Family Law Conference CLE
10/2007	15 th Annual Statewide CASA Conference (2 day)
10/2005	Advanced Title 26 Family Law Guardian ad Litem Training

HONORS/PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

Certificate of Commendation, Kitsap Legal Services -	5/2015
Washington State Bar Association Law Clerk Board -	2012 to 2015
Kitsap County Bar Association and Family Law Section -	2011 to present
Washington State Bar Association & Family Law Section -	1996 to present
King County Bar Association and Family Law Section -	1996-2012
American Bar Association, Family Law Section -	1997-2007, 2013
Central Washington University, cum laude, Dean's List and Honor Society	1989

STATEMENT #1

In a random audit of my IOLTA Trust Account approximately eighteen (18) years ago (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.

Tanya Michaels
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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 30th day of April, 2020.

Tanya Michaels
Tanya Michaels, WSBA #25764

GUARDIAN AD LITEM FEE SCHEDULE

As an appointed Guardian ad Litem I charge \$150.00 per hour, unless there is a written agreement otherwise.

My advance fee deposit is \$2,500.00 (cash, check or money order), with \$1,000.00 due before the start of any investigation, together with a written agreement providing for \$250.00 a month payments for the balance of the advance fee deposit (\$1,500.00) and any outstanding billed balance. 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)
Trial Deposit:	\$500.00

The actual cost of obtaining records (medical, school, etc.), background checks and other necessary expenses will be charged against the deposit at the actual cost.

Computerized time keeping/billing is mailed at a minimum of every two months. Bills must be paid by the parties within 14 days of billing.

Absent an agreed order, if billed fees exceed the initial advance fee deposit a motion will be made to the Court to authorize an additional fee deposit.

Absent an additional fee deposit being paid or an emergency circumstance, work on the matter will cease once the initial advance fee deposit is exhausted.

Tanya Michaels
Tanya Michaels 4/30/20

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, Tanya Michaels
(Professional License No. WSBA 25764) 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.

Tanya Michaels
Signature

4-30-2020
Date

TANYA MICHAELS
Printed Name

3965 Bethel Rd. SE
Street Address Suite 1 - PMB 246

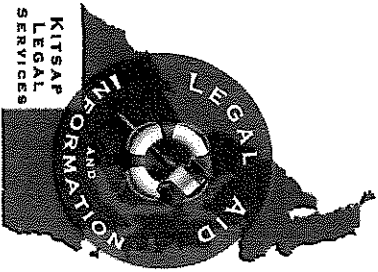
Port Orchard, WA 98366
City/State/Zip

CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

Tanya Michaels

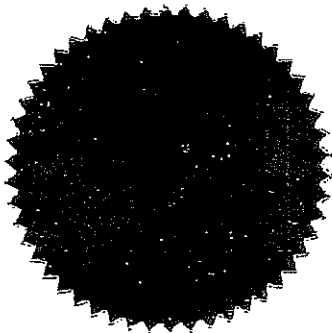
Has completed the

TITLE 26 GAL RE-CERTIFICATION TRAINING



PRESENTED BY: Kitsap Legal Services

ON THIS DAY: May 14, 2019



Certificate of Completion
King County Bar Association

Tanya Michaels

2004 Title 26 Registry Family Law
Guardian ad Litem Training
January 30 & 31, 2004 and
February 27 & February 28, 2004

Certified by the Superior Court of King County as the
Statutorily Required RCW 2.56.039(15)
Family Law Guardian ad Litem Registry Training
28.25 General and 1.00 Ethics for a Total of 29.25 CLE Credits

Roxanne Mennes, KCBA CLE Director

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To: **Frank A. Maiocco, Jr.**
Court Administrator
Kitsap County Superior Court
614 Division Street, MS-24
Port Orchard, WA 98366
(360) 337-7140

Date: **May 4, 2020**

Re: **Tanya Michaels (WSBA #25764) - Application for Guardian ad Litem Registry**

I enclose: The Application for Guardian ad Litem Registry - Family Law - Title 26 - for Tanya Michaels, including attachments (total 12 pages).

Please note the following:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For your info./file.	<input type="checkbox"/> Please call to discuss this.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> File the original.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy receive and return copy in the SASE.
<input type="checkbox"/> Please review and reply.	<input type="checkbox"/> Record original instrument(s).

Message: _____

Thank you.

Very truly yours,
Tanya Michaels
Tanya Michaels

TM/sc
Enclosure

THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
FOR KITSAP COUNTY

614 DIVISION STREET, MS-24
PORT ORCHARD, WASHINGTON 98366
(360) 337-7140

JEANETTE M. DALTON, JUDGE
DEPARTMENT NO. 1
MICHELLE ADAMS, JUDGE
DEPARTMENT NO. 2
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. Tanya Michaels
Law Office of Tanya Michaels
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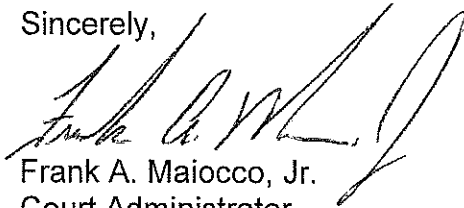
Re: Kitsap County Superior Court Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Registry, 2020-2021

Dear Ms. Michaels:

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