

# 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: Felicia Schumacher

Business Name or Firm: Law Office of Jeniece LaCross

Business Address: 1009 Dwight St

City and State: Port Orchard, Wa Zip Code 98366

Business Phone: ( 360 ) 876-1879 Fax: (      )                                     

Email Address: Felicia.lacrosslaw@gmail.com

- Non-Attorney
- Attorney - WSBA or Washington State Certification No: 52063
- 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.  
I worked as a Court Appointed Advisor in Maricopa County, Arizona, for approximately 3 years, and took numerous cases during that time. The Court Appointed Advisor is very similar to the GAL in Family Court here and has essentially the same duties. Additionally, I practiced family law for a total of 7 years.

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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: 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.
- 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.

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

DATED this 3 day of March, 2020 at Port Orchard, Washington.

  
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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

PRINT NAME: Felicia Schumacher

# Felicia Schumacher (Cantrell)

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

**Attorney:** *Law Office of Jeniece LaCross and Associates, Port Orchard, Wa, October 2018-present*

- Handle full caseload of misdemeanor and felony criminal cases both publicly appointed and privately retained including filing motions to suppress, competency hearings, leading jury trials, interviewing witnesses, and negotiating pleas.
- Guardian ad Litem for Title 11 Probate Alleged Incapacitated Persons cases.
- Represent children in juvenile dependencies.

**Attorney:** *Davis Faas and Blase, Scottsdale, AZ, September 2015-February 2018, 45+ hours per week*

- Handle active caseload of 45-50 family and juvenile law cases including divorce, custody, child support, property settlement, grandparents' visitation, in loco parentis, orders of protection, severances, child protective services dependency cases, termination of parental rights, and guardianships.
- Issue spot, complete case analysis, case law research, and complex motion practice.
- Substantial experience handling cases with domestic violence, child abuse, substance abuse, and mental health issues.
- Parenting Coordinator listed on behavioral health roster for Maricopa County, AZ.
- Lead 20-40 court hearings as 1<sup>st</sup> chair attorney each month.
- Trained as a Court Appointed Advisor (expert appointed by the Court to investigate allegations of domestic violence, child abuse, substance abuse, mental health, and parental fitness) and in advanced mediation.

**Attorney:** *Korbin Steiner & Marquis, Scottsdale, AZ, June 2015-August 2015, 45+ hours per week.*

- Ronee Korbin Steiner was appointed by the Governor as a Maricopa County Superior Court Judge. This firm was merged with my present employer, Davis Faas and Blase.
- Handled active caseload of 45-50 family and juvenile law cases.

**Attorney:** *Cantor Law Group, Phoenix, AZ, May 2013-June 2015, 45+ hours per week.*

- Publications: *Courtney v. Honorable George Foster*: Special Action Jurisdiction Accepted and Relief Granted. The Court of Appeals affirmed my argument that the family court has final authority to modify all orders of protection with children listed as protected persons to implement parenting plans.
- Handled active caseload of 45-50 juvenile law and family law cases.

**Attorney:** *Diane Halle Center for Family Justice, Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ, September 2012-May 2013, 40 hours per week.*

*(The Halle Center offers a holistic approach to survivors' concerns that combines direct legal advocacy, policy advocacy, and behavioral health).*

- Handled family law and juvenile law cases including divorce, custody, child support, property settlement, severances, dependency cases, and termination of parental rights.
- Assisted in supervision of 6+ law students.
- Led lecture sessions on domestic violence, sex trafficking, and sexual assault advocacy, and utilizing those skills in family law litigation.
- Helped manage and run local free legal clinics at low-income hospitals in Phoenix.
- Developed strategic initiatives to combat sexual violence, domestic violence, and human trafficking together with Assistant United States Attorneys, Arizona Attorney General's Office, and other local Non-Profit and government organizations.
- Assisted in development of sexual assault and domestic violence training programs.

- Partnered with the Arizona Intertribal Council to work in tribal courts and work with Native American clients, including working extensively with ICWA.

**Family Justice Specialist:** *National Advocacy and Training Network (NATN Seeds), Phoenix, AZ, October 2011- June 2012, 20 hours per week.*

- Performed intakes for over 50+ clients suffering from family violence (for both family law and immigration cases).
- Compose complex family law pleadings and motions.
- Assisted immigration attorneys file for VAWA, U-Visas, and T-Visas.
- Prepared witnesses and clients for trial and sat second chair on 10+ trials and hearings.
- Led intakes in both English and Spanish.

**Legal Extern:** *Ruth McGregor Family Law Protection Clinic, Halle Center for Family Justice at Sandra Day O' Connor College of Law at Arizona State University, August 2011-December 2011, 20 hours per week.*

**Family Law Clerk:** *Wilson-Goodman & Fong, P.L.L.C, Gilbert, AZ, June 2011-November 2011, 20 hours per week.*

**Legal Extern:** *Gender Watch against Violence and Exploitation (GWAVE), Dumaguete City, Philippines, June 2011-July 2011, 40 hours per week.*

- Led lectures on laws pertaining to sex crimes and human trafficking in the United States to Siquijor State College in Larena, Siquijor, Silliman University College of Law in Dumaguete, Negros Oriental, and Maxino College in Dumaguete, Negros Oriental.
- Aided prosecutors in photographing crimes scenes.
- Analyzed the Trafficking Victims Protection Act and the Judicial System in the Philippines and compared/contrasted it to the Trafficking Victims Protection Act and the Judicial System in the United States.
- Met with judges, attorneys, and local city councils to discuss the differences in our judicial systems.
- Spoke on weekly radio programs about laws in the Philippines and the United States.

**Legal Extern:** *Maricopa County Attorney's Office, Sex Crimes Unit, Phoenix, AZ., August 2010-June 2011, 20 hours per week.*

- Led sentencing hearings, hearings on statute Constitutionality, and trials including direct, cross, and re-direct examinations of witnesses, victims, Detectives, DNA experts, and child abuse experts.
- Wrote motions on various topics including: Admitting evidence under Arizona Rules of Evidence 404, joining offenses under Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure 13, remanding indictments back to the Grand Jury, disclosing expert testimony in child sex abuse cases to defense prior to trial, striking Defense motions for lack of specificity, and the statutory interpretation of the word "teacher" according to the Arizona statute on Sexual Molestation and whether substitute teachers on summer break fall under the definition.
- Researched various topics including the legislative intent behind the word "teacher" in the Arizona Sexual Molestation statute, aggravated assault penalties circa 1999, and jurors considering a non-testifying defendant's behavior during trial.
- Sat in on interviews of victims in child prostitution cases and learned techniques such as creating lineups, directing questions in order to charge individual instances of crimes, and interacting with victims
- Took part in jury selections

**President and Founder of 13-Advocacy Against Sex Trafficking:** *Arizona State University Sandra Day O' Connor School of Law, Phoenix, AZ, September 2009- May 2012, 20 hours per week*

- Grew and developed relationships with 20+ local organizations
- Led 50+ students in scholarship, volunteering at our free legal clinic, and getting involved.
- Began and operated free legal clinics for victims of sex trafficking at Mountain Park Medical Center in conjunction with the Medical Legal Partnership and the Halle Center for Family Justice

- Started externships with the Sex Crimes Unit in the Maricopa Prosecutor's Office
- Hosted former Washington State Congresswoman and Founder of Shared Hope International to ASU Law to speak on domestic sex trafficking. Over 300 attorneys, community members, and students in attendance.
- Held Victim Advocacy trainings.
- Integral in developing new human trafficking specialization at ASU law school.

**Human Trafficking Research Analyst:** *Arizona State University North American Center for Transborder Studies, Tempe, AZ, October 2010-September 2011, 20 hours per week.*

- Analyzed and compared over 100+ statutes for The Conference of Western Attorney General (CWAG) member states (includes 20 states).
- Took part in discussions on collaboration with members in the Office of the Attorneys General and Department of Justice in California and the Director of Police in the Office of the Attorneys General in Washington.

**Human Trafficking Law Fellow:** *Shared Hope International, Seattle, Wa., July 2009-August 2009, 40 hours per week.*

- Researched and analyzed Washington statutes on sex crimes, prostitution, human trafficking, and related criminal offenses.

## EDUCATION

**Sandra Day O' Connor College of Law, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ**

Juris Doctorate, May 2012

- Honors:** Highest Pro Bono Distinction  
National Association of Law Placements' PSLawNet Pro Bono Publico Award  
Spirit of Service Scholar  
AAABA Thomas Tang Law Scholarship for Involvement with Victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation  
13-Advocacy against Sex Trafficking; "most outstanding pro bono group of the year" 2009-2010
- Activities:** 13- Advocacy against Sex Trafficking – President & Founder  
Criminal Law Teaching Assistant for Professor Sarah Buel

**Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA**

B.A. in Business Administration, *cum laude*, June 2009

- Honors:** Dean's List, President's Scholar Award, and Philip W. Eaten Scholarship
- Activities:** Academic Mentor for "Leadership in Business" University Seminar Class  
Social Venture Competition- placed 6<sup>th</sup> out of 35 teams.

## BAR ADMISSION

- Admitted to the Arizona Bar and Washington State Bar

## PUBLICATIONS

- Co- Author, *Binational, Multi-State Survey on Human Trafficking Legislation and Collaboration, Phase 1 Report to the Council of State Governments- WEST, the Conference of Western Attorneys General, the Border Legislative Conference, and the Border Governors Conference, April 2011.*
- *Courtney v. Honorable George Foster:* Special Action Jurisdiction Accepted and Relief Granted. The Court of Appeals affirmed my argument that the family court has final authority to modify all orders of protection with children listed as protected persons to implement parenting plans.

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS/AWARDS

- 2019 Young Lawyer Award: *Kitsap County Bar Association*
- Arizona Pro Bono Attorney of the Year, 2017

- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Arizona Chapter: Mental Health Diagnosis in children and considerations in family court cases, 2018.
- Arizona State Bar CLE: Domestic Violence Across Practice Lines 2016, Ethics Portion.
- Arizona State Bar CLE: Domestic Violence Across Practice Lines 2015, Family and Immigration Law.
- Arizona State University, Women and Gender Studies guest lecturer, 2015
- Unbound Conference on Human Trafficking, Seattle, Wa, 2011.
- Human Trafficking, U.S. Law and Implications: Siquijor State College, Maxino College, and Silliman University College of Law, Philippines.
- Criminal Law Teaching Assistant, Professor Sarah Buel, 2010-2011

## **SKILLS STATEMENT**

- Proficient in LexisNexis, Westlaw, TimeMatters, Clio, and other legal databases.

## **COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE/AWARDS**

- Volunteer Judge for Washington High School Moot Court: *YWCA, Kitsap County, Wa, 2019, 2020*
- Volunteer Lawyer: *Community Legal Services Volunteer Lawyer Program, Phoenix, AZ, January 2016-present*
- Volunteer Lawyer: *Fresh Start Legal Clinic for Women, Phoenix, AZ, Fall 2015-present*
- Studied Asylum & Refugee Law and Comparative Juvenile Justice in Valletta, Malta, *South Texas College of Law, Malta, Summer 2010*
- Domestic Violence Victim Advocate Intern: *Seattle District Attorney's Office, October 2007-January 2008*
- Soccer Coach: *Magnolia & Ballard Park Districts, Winter 2006- Spring 2009*
- Studied the Czech language in Prague, Czech Republic: *American Institute for Foreign Study, Czech Republic, Summer 2006*
- Junior Achievement (taught Economics to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders): *St. Edwards Catholic School & North Beach Elementary School, Seattle, WA Fall 2005-Spring 2006*

RELEASE

(To Be Enclosed With Your Application)

Date: 3/3/20  
~~3/3/20~~

TO: Washington State Bar Association  
Arizona State Bar Association

Washington State Department of Licensing

I, Felicia Schumacher (Professional License No.: 029825-AZ 52063-WA) hereby authorize you, for the purpose of my application and/or work as King County Guardian ad Litem, to release information to and discuss such information with:

Guardian ad Litem Registry Manager  
Kitap County Superior Court GAL Registries

This RELEASE includes, but is not limited to, all records and information concerning any official disciplinary action or any pending active investigation you have with regard to me.

[Signature]  
Signature

Felicia Schumacher  
Printed Name

1009 Sidney Ave  
Street Address

Port Orchard, WA 98366  
City/State/Zip

425-281-1105  
Telephone Number

**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).

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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: 13/3/20

Felicia Schumacher  
Print Name

  
Signature of Applicant



## Statement of Fees

Hourly Rate: \$200/hr

Travel time: \$200/hour

Retainer fee on private family court cases: \$2,000

# CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

**Felicia Schumacher**

Has completed the

**TITLE 26 GAL RE-CERTIFICATION TRAINING**

PRESENTED BY:

Kitsap Legal Services

ON THIS DAY:

May 14, 2019



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

June 25, 2020

Ms. Felicia Schumacher  
Law Office of Jeniece LaCross  
1009 Dwight Street  
Port Orchard, WA 98366

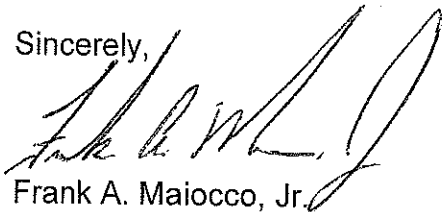
Re: Kitsap County Superior Court Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Registry, 2020-2021

Dear Ms. Schumacher:

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