

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: Amanda Williamson

Business Name or Firm: Williamson Law Group PLLC

Business Address: 409 Pacific Ave, Suite 301

City and State: Bremerton, WA Zip Code: 98311

Business Phone: (360) 627-8026 Fax: (360) 824-6809

Email Address: awilliamson@kitsap.lawyer

- Non-Attorney
- Attorney - WSBA or Washington State Certification No: 47579
- 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 was a certified GAL for children in the Commonwealth of Virginia between 2009 and 2014.

During that time, I had approximately 150 appointments.

I have been a certified GAL for children in Washington State since March of 2015. During my time as a GAL here in Washington I have had 71 appointments in Kitsap County.

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):

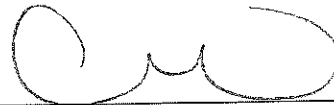
- Curriculum vitae, showing work and professional or personal experience in or related to the field that would assist in the performance and completion of Guardian ad Litem duties.
- Completed Washington State Patrol Conviction Criminal History.
- Signed release of information directed to all professional 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.~~ the recertification training requirement was waived for 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

DATED this 31st day of May, 2020, at Bremerton, Washington.



SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

PRINT NAME: Amanda Williamson

AMANDA ANNE WILLIAMSON
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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

University of Washington, School of Education

Bachelor of Arts, Early Childhood and Family Studies, December 2018

University of Richmond School of Law, Richmond, Virginia

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, May 2008

Honors: Nina R. Kestin Service Award; Public Interest Law Association Pro Bono Service Award

Capital University Law School, Columbus Ohio

Summer Adoption Law Institute

Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington

Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy and Political Science, May 2005

Honors: Pi Sigma Alpha – National Political Science Honor Society; Phi Alpha Theta – National History Honor Society.

Kitsap Dispute Resolution Center, Silverdale, Washington – 40-hour Conflict Management and Mediation Training

Thurston County Dispute Resolution Center, Olympia, Washington – 20 hour Family Law Mediation Training

YWCA of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia – Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocacy Training

Seattle Children's Hospital, Seattle, Washington – Youth Mental Health First Aid Training – 06/17/2019

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Training and Education

- Trauma informed interventions in Parent-Child Contact Cases – 06/04/2020
- Innovative Psychojudicial Responses to Resist-Refusal Cases – 06/23/2020

Virginia Continuing Legal Education Courses

- Professionalism Course – 3/19/2008
- 25th Annual Advanced Family Law Seminar – 04/24/2009
- Representation of Incapacitated Persons – 06/05/2009
- Representation of Children as a Guardian ad Litem – 06/30/2009
- State of the Family – 09/13/2009
- Understanding Your Role as a Guardian ad Litem – 05/13/2011
- 30th Annual Family Law Seminar – 10/20/2011
- Current Ethical Dilemmas in Family Law – 12/20/2011
- 28th Annual Advanced Family Law Seminar – 04/26/2012
- 31st Annual Family Law Seminar – 10/16/2012
- Interpreting All That Psychobabble – 10/22/2013

Washington State Bar Continuing Legal Education Courses

- Family Law Training (2 hours) – 08/20/2014
- Title 26 Family Law Guardian ad litem Certification Training – 02/25/2015
- 2016 Title 26 Guardian ad litem Recertification Training – 04/13/2016
- 2017 Title 26 Guardian ad litem Recertification Training – 05/10/2017
- 2018 Title 26 Guardian ad litem Recertification Training – 04/10/2018

- 2019 Title 26 Guardian ad litem Recertification Training –05/14/2019
- 2019 Family Law Section Midyear Meeting and Conference – 06/21/2019- 06/23/2019
- Kitsap Bar CLE – 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

WORK EXPERIENCE

Williamson Law Group, PLLC

Attorney and Owner, April 2015-present

- Provide representation to clients in various family law matters, including but not limited to dissolution proceedings, parentage actions, adoptions, protection orders and support proceedings. Serve as a Title 26 Guardian ad litem for children in various actions.

The Law Office of Thomas S. Olmstead and Associates

Associate Attorney, July 2014-present

- Provided representation to clients in various family law matters, including but not limited to dissolution proceedings, parentage actions, adoptions, protection orders and support proceedings.

The Law Offices of Amanda Anne Reid, PLC

Owner, April 2011 – March 2014

- Provided representation to clients in various family law matters, including but not limited to custody, visitation and support proceedings, divorce actions, adoptions (stepparent, agency, and private), protective orders, petitions for guardianship, and proceedings involving the department of social services.
- Provided representation to clients, adults and juveniles, in criminal misdemeanor and felony cases.
- Served as a certified guardian ad litem for children in custody/visitation, adoption, CHINS, and dependency proceedings.

Strickland Kurylo, PLC

Associate, February 2010 – April 2011

- Provided representation to clients in various family law matters as set forth above.
- Provided representation to clients in criminal proceedings as set forth above.
- Served as a certified guardian ad litem for children as set forth above.

Rappahannock Legal Services

Staff Attorney, October 2008 – February 2010

- Provided representation to clients in various civil proceeding including family law and housing matters.
- Provided representation to clients in social security disability and unemployment hearings.
- Served as a certified guardian ad litem for children as set forth above.

Kitsap County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Port Orchard, Washington

Rule 9 Intern, Summer 2007

- Handled misdemeanor cases under the supervision of the prosecuting attorneys at various levels of the proceedings, including, pretrial, motions hearings, preliminary hearings, and trial.

City Attorney, Richmond, Virginia

Extern, Fall 2007

- Handled various cases on behalf of the Richmond Department of Social Services in Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court, including emergency removal hearings, foster care review hearings, permanency planning hearings, and termination of parental rights hearings.

Washington State Department of Social Services - Division of Child & Family Services, Spokane, Washington

Case Aide Visitation Supervisor, 2003-2005

- Monitored and supervised court ordered visitations between parents and children involved in dependency proceedings.
- Documented interactions between parents and children and report to social workers.

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATIONS

Washington State Bar Association – Active Member, July 2014 to present
Virginia State Bar – Active Member, October 2008 to October 2014; Inactive Member, October 2014 to October 2017
Certified Guardian ad litem for children and incapacitated adults, Commonwealth of Virginia, 2009-2014
Title 26 Certified Guardian ad litem for children, Washington, March 2015-present
Seattle Children's Hospital, Youth Mental Health First Aid Certification – June 2019

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Youth Life Center, Richmond, Virginia – After school-program tutor/mentor (2006-2008)
Richmond School District, Richmond, Virginia – ESOL Tutor (2008)
Big Brothers, Big Sisters Program, Fredericksburg, Virginia – Big Sister (2010)
Rappahannock Legal Services, Fredericksburg, Virginia – Board Member/Volunteer Attorney (2010-2013)
Kitsap Legal Services – Volunteer Attorney (2016-present)
Brownsville PTSA – Current Member (2019-present)
CSTOCK Board – Current Member (2019-present)

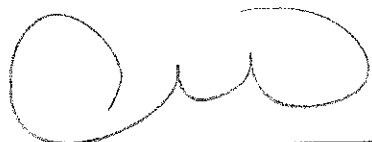
RELEASE OF INFORMATION

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

I, Amanda Williamson
(Professional License No. 47579) 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

5/31/2020
Date

Amanda Williamson
Printed Name

409 Pacific Ave, Ste 301
Street Address

Bremerton, WA 98337
City/State/Zip

AMANDA ANNE WILLIAMSON

GUARDIAN AD LITEM

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FEE SCHEDULE

Retainer: \$3,000

Hourly rate for services performed as GAL: \$200.00

Hourly rate for travel, scheduling of interviews and records requests: \$100.00

The following expenses will be billed against the retainer:

- Fees relating to requests for criminal histories, including WATCH reports
- Fees relating to record requests (school, medical, etc.)
- Mileage at .58/mile
- Copies at .10/page

Retainer shall be paid in its entirety prior to commencement of services, unless there is a written agreement stating otherwise. If, following the completion of the final report, a trial date is scheduled, an additional retainer of \$1,500.00 shall be paid at least 30 days prior to the scheduled trial date.

Monthly invoices shall be sent to all parties. Invoices shall include all time billed against the retainer and any expenses incurred for the prior month. Invoices reflect the total amounts billed and /or owed, *not* each party's respective share. Should the parties exceed the retainer during the pendency of the investigation, any outstanding balance should thereafter be paid in full monthly. Should the parties fail to pay any past due balances, a motion shall be made to the court to authorize additional fees. Should the parties fail to pay fees as set forth herein, work on the matter will cease.

Professional Complaints, Investigations, and/or Disciplinary Actions

A grievance was filed against me in March of 2017 with the Washington State Bar Association by a relative of a party in a divorce proceeding in which I was the GAL for the minor children. The grievance was dismissed without the necessity of a response on my part, or further investigation by the bar. I continued to serve as GAL in the action. No disciplinary action was taken.

A grievance was filed against me (in my capacity as an attorney) in January of 2018 with the Washington State Bar Association by an unrepresented opposing party in a divorce proceeding. The grievance was dismissed without the necessity of a response on my part, or further investigation by the bar. No disciplinary action was taken.

A grievance was filed against me (in my capacity as an attorney) in May of 2018 by a former client. The grievance was dismissed without the necessity of a response on my part, or further investigation by the bar. No disciplinary action was taken.

An administrative grievance was filed against me in May of 2019 with the Kitsap County Superior Court Guardian ad Litem Committee by a party in a divorce proceeding in which I was GAL for the minor child. The grievance was reviewed by the committee and dismissed. No disciplinary action was taken.

THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
FOR KITSAP COUNTY

614 DIVISION STREET, MS-24
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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. Amanda Williamson
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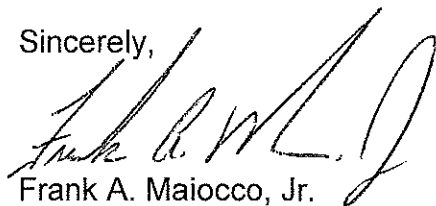
Re: Kitsap County Superior Court Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Registry, 2020-2021

Dear Ms. Williamson:

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