

RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
TITLE 11 GUARDIAN AD LITEM REGISTRY

This application is for Guardians ad Litem currently serving on the Pierce County Superior Court RCW Title 11 Guardian ad Litem Registry.

THIS IS PUBLIC INFORMATION

Print Name: Brian T. Comfort

This is my **renewal** application to serve as a Guardian ad Litem in Pierce County, State of Washington as required under RCW Title 11. I hereby certify under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that my renewal application is true and correct. Please **check each box** where contact information has changed since last year's application was submitted.

Signed in: Fircrest (City), Washington on January 3, 2019 (Date)

Signature: Brian T. Comfort

WSBA # and Year admitted to practice law: #12245; admitted in 1982

Business Address: 1901 65th Avenue West, Suite 200

City: Fircrest State: WA Zip Code: 98466

E-Mail Address: brian@cdsps.com

Business Telephone Number: (253) 565-3400  FAX: (253) 564-5356

Bilingual: Yes  No  If so, in what language(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the date, county and sponsor where you are enrolled for the one day mandatory training (only approved training qualifies): \_\_\_\_\_

DATE COUNTY/SPONSOR

Please include the dates and sponsor of the initial two day training that you previously completed:  
Training Sponsored by: (Name) Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association  
(Address) 621 Tacoma Ave S, Ste 403, Tacoma, WA 98402  
(County) Pierce (Dates) 11/8/2018  
(Phone) (253) 272-8871

**NOTE: Only** this application may be utilized. A checklist is included since late and incomplete applications shall **not** be accepted for any reason. All questions **must** be answered in the order in which they are given. Answers that only refer to a resume or vitae are **not** acceptable although a resume is required and you may attach supporting materials. Please return completed application, resume and any materials by **March 15, 2019, 4:30 PM** to:

Pierce County Superior Court Administrator  
Room 334, County City Building  
930 Tacoma Ave South  
Tacoma, WA 98402-2108

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**A.** Please report the first year you served on the RCW 11.88 Guardian ad Litem Registry in Pierce County. Please list any years where there was a break in service.

1988 through the present.

**B.** Number of appointments you have received as an 11.88.090 Guardian ad Litem and all counties of appointment during the last Registry year, March 23, 2018 to present, if served on any other county Guardian ad Litem Registry:

Appointments in Pierce County:

Appointments in \_\_\_\_\_ County:

Appointments in \_\_\_\_\_ County:

**C.** Percentage of your total caseload that RCW 11.88 Guardian ad Litem work represents overall:

**D.** Criminal history, as defined in RCW 9.94A.030: A current (dated on or after January 1, 2019) and completed Washington State Patrol Conviction Criminal History Record must be received by the Court. If not attached, the expected date the Court will have the record: \_\_\_\_\_

**E.** Have you been named as a defendant or respondent in any case involving allegations of domestic violence or anti-harassment? Yes  No .  
If yes, state the date, name of the court, court cause number, summary of the allegations, and the disposition of the case. (Limit of 500 chars, continue on last page of application if needed)

**F.** Have you been named as a petitioner or witness in any civil or criminal proceedings involving domestic violence or anti-harassment?

Yes  No

If yes, state the date, name of the court, court cause number, summary of the allegations, and the disposition of the case. (Limit of 500 chars, continue on last page of application if needed)

Anthony Zappin v. Claire Comfort, Superior Court of the state of New York, county of New York, index no. 301568/14. Dissolution and child custody proceeding. The court found Claire Comfort was the victim of domestic violence committed by Anthony Zappin. Claire Comfort was awarded full custody of their minor child. Mr. Zappin is limited to supervised visitation.

**G.** Evidence of your knowledge, training, and experience, in the following areas, pursuant to RCW 11.88.090 (3) (b) (l). You must complete in **full** the information requested below, in the space provided, in addition to attaching a required resume or vitae. However, answers that only refer to a resume or vitae are **not** acceptable.

1) The number of times you have been removed for failure to perform duties as Guardian ad Litem. For each removal, give a brief explanation, with the county, case name, cause number. If the removal was within the last year, March 2018-March 2019, attach all relevant documents from the court file along with a copy of the court order. (Limit of 200 chars, continue on last page of application if needed)

None.

2) Please list here the current March 2018-March 2019 trainings you have attended, the month/year attended and the materials covered. Your attached resume should indicate a history of all relevant trainings you attended.

(Limit of 200 characters, continue on Addendum to Application, page 5)

I have completed the Title 11 Guardianship Guardian Ad Litem Training every year since 1998 in King Co with the exception of 04/20/06 completed in Kistap Co. and 11/6/14 through 11/8/18 in Pierce Co.

**I also certify the following:**

**H.** I will successfully complete the Guardian ad Litem training required by the Pierce County Superior Court and under the laws of the State of Washington (only approved training qualifies) under the laws of the State of Washington and immediately submit my Certificate of Attendance.

AGREE  DISAGREE

**I.** My normal hourly rate is \$ 300. My hourly rate to serve as an 11.88.090 Guardian ad Litem in guardianships is \$ 250.

**J.** I am presently not serving, nor have I recently applied to serve, as a Judge or Commissioner pro tempore in Pierce County Superior Court. I understand that I am not permitted to serve in both capacities.

AGREE  DISAGREE

**K.** I have no criminal history or license suspension or revocation.

AGREE  DISAGREE

**L.** I am not the subject of any pending investigation or action by a government agency, professional organization or one that would result in either a criminal conviction or a license revocation or suspension.

AGREE  DISAGREE

M. I have read and understand the applicability to me and agree to be bound and governed by the Pierce County Superior Court Administrative Policy #3 for the Title 11 Guardian ad Litem Registry.

AGREE  DISAGREE

N. I have read, signed, returned and understand the applicability to me of the Pierce County Superior Court Administrative Policy #4 Title 11 Guardian ad Litem. Code of Conduct and agree to be bound and governed by the Code of Conduct.

AGREE  DISAGREE

O. I have completed in full, signed and attached the confidential supplement to this renewal application.

AGREE  DISAGREE

If you disagree for **any** above (H-O) please explain in full on Addendum to Application, page 5.

P. Please provide full disclosure of the following:

(If you require more space please use the Addendum of this application and identify the letter and number for the continued text)

1) Any felony convictions or any convictions involving theft, dishonesty, or moral turpitude.

None.

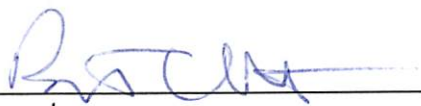
2) Suspension or revocation of professional certification or license.

None.

3) Pending investigation of action for either 1 or 2 above.

N/A.

I certify that I have thoroughly studied the provisions and requirements of RCW Title 11 and believe I am fully qualified to be appointed as Guardian Ad Litem for Guardianships in Pierce County, Washington.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Brian T. Comfort

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

January 3, 2019  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Signing

Fircrest, WA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Place of Signing

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## **Policy 4: Pierce County Superior Court RCW 11.88 Guardian Ad Litem Code Of Conduct**

All Guardians ad Litem shall fully comply with this Code of Conduct and the requirements of Superior Court GALR.

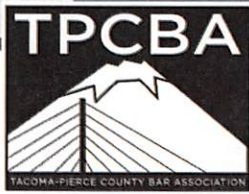
1. The appointed Guardian ad Litem shall decline the appointment if he/she is not qualified, competent, or able to complete the matter in a timely manner.
2. The Guardian ad Litem shall maintain the ethical principles of his/her own profession in addition to compliance with this Code of Conduct.
3. The Guardian ad Litem shall promptly advise the court of any grounds for disqualification or unavailability to serve.
4. The Guardian ad Litem shall avoid self-dealing or association from which the Guardian ad Litem might directly or indirectly benefit, other than from compensation as a Guardian ad Litem.
5. The Guardian ad Litem shall not guarantee or create the impression that any portion of the investigation will remain confidential, and shall inform all witnesses that the information gathered by the Guardian ad Litem must be reported to the court.
6. All records, including contemporaneously maintained time and expense records, and excluding information that is confidential by law or sealed by court and as further defined by Superior Court Policy, of the Guardian ad Litem shall be made available to the parties and their attorneys for review upon request, without formal discovery request(s) being made. Copies of the records may be made by the parties and their attorneys under circumstances that assure that the file remains complete, organized and intact.
7. Once admitted to the **RCW 11.88** Certified Registry, all Guardians ad Litem shall fully comply with all continuing education requirements established under Pierce County Local Rules and GALR.
8. The Guardian ad Litem shall report to D.S.H.S. and the court, any adult abuse as defined in **RCW 74.34.020(2)**.
9. The Guardian ad Litem shall immediately advise the court if the guardianship case qualifies for a guardian ad litem at public expense. Before significant work is performed or time elapsed the guardian ad litem shall return the case for reassignment.

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the foregoing, has read the same and GALR, and agrees to be governed by all.

January 3, 2014  
Date

  
Signature

[Amended effective June 6, 2016]



# 17th Annual Guardianship Seminar

Thursday, November 8, 2018

## Certificate of Training

Awarded for successful completion of seminar to:

**Brian T. Comfort**



*Seminar sponsored by:*

Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association Guardianship Committee  
and the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association

WSBA - 6.50 Credits (6.0 law/legal, .5 ethics pending) Activity #1084239  
CPG - 6.50 CPG Credits Approved (6.0 general, 0.5 Ethics)

Kit Kasner, Executive Director  
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association



Curriculum Vitae  
of

**BRIAN T. COMFORT**  
**COMFORT, DAVIES & SMITH, P.S.**

Office address:

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1901 65th Avenue West, Suite 200  
Tacoma, Washington 98466  
(253) 565-3400 Office  
(253) 564-5356 Facsimile

Home address:

501 N. D Street, Unit A  
Tacoma, WA 98403  
(253) 565-1716

Date of birth: 6/28/56

Marital status: married.

**EDUCATION:**

**B.A.**        UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Washington (1978).  
Graduated with honors.

**J.D.**        UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND SCHOOL OF LAW, Tacoma, Washington (1981).

**LL.M. in**    BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Boston Massachusetts (1982).  
**Taxation**    Graduated with honors - first in class.

**EMPLOYMENT:**

7/99 to present    COMFORT, DAVIES & SMITH, P.S., (Tacoma)  
Shareholder and owner, officer and director.

7/95 to 7/99        COMFORT, DAVIES & COMFORT, P.S., (Tacoma)  
Shareholder and owner, officer and director.

6/92 to 6/95        COMFORT, DAVIES & COMFORT, (Tacoma)  
Partner.

1/89 to 6/92        COMFORT & COMFORT, (Tacoma)  
Partner.

12/86 to 12/88    LAW OFFICES OF BRIAN T. COMFORT, (Tacoma)  
Owner.

Curriculum Vitae  
of

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**BRIAN T. COMFORT**  
**COMFORT, DAVIES & SMITH, P.S.**

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6/82 to 11/86      **BILLETT, COMFORT & ROSENOW**, (Tacoma/Seattle)  
Associate.

10/79 to 6/81      **BILLETT, COMFORT & ROSENOW**, (Tacoma/Seattle)  
Legal intern.

**AREAS OF PRACTICE:** Taxation, real estate, wills, estate planning and probate, business, corporate and partnership and collection.

**ASSOCIATIONS:** Pierce County Bar Association and Washington State Bar Association.

**REFERENCES:** Provided upon request.