

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.

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Print Name: DOLORES K. SARANDOS

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: TACOMA (City), Washington on 03/08/19 (Date)

Signature: 

WSBA # and Year admitted to practice law: 20166 1990

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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): 04/26/19 KING COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

DATE COUNTY/SPONSOR

Please include the dates and sponsor of the initial two day training that you previously completed:
Training Sponsored by: (Name) KING COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

(Address) 1200 FIFTH AVENUE, STE. 700

(County) KING (Dates) MAY 1996

(Phone) (206) 340-2578

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.

1997. NO BREAK IN SERVICE.

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 N/A **County:**

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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: ATTACHED

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)

G. Evidence of your knowledge, training, and experience, in the following areas, pursuant to RCW 11.88.090 (3) (b) (I). 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)

SEE ATTACHED LETTER.
P.C. Cause No. 13-4-00824-9. Guardianship of Robella Bethwallace.
P.C. CAUSE No. 13-4-00532-2. Guardianship of Marianne C. Jenkins.

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)

RCW 11.88 initial training in May 1996; subsequent yearly training from 1997 into 2019; meetings at P.C. Superior Court. Materials covered: Vulnerable adult issues; needs of impaired elderly persons w/physical disabilities; ~~needs of persons w/mental illnesses; (W.S. patients; litigation re incompetent individuals);~~ avoiding cultural bias; minor guardianships; due process; ethics.

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 \$ 325.00. My hourly rate to serve as an 11.88.090 Guardian ad Litem in guardianships is \$ 275.00.

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

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University of Puget Sound
B.A. Honors/History

**ADDITIONAL
TRAINING:**

CERTIFIED MEDIATOR
Pierce County Dispute Resolutions Center
University of WA Mediation (40 Hours)

GUARDIAN AD LITEM PIERCE COUNTY w/Certification
RCW 11.88 & RCW 26.09 Registry 1996-2018

GUARDIAN AD LITEM KING COUNTY w/Certification
RCW 11.88 & RCW 26.09 Registry 1996-2018

Monthly attendance at GAL meetings held at Pierce County Superior
Court

Focus on the Child- 2 day Seminar sponsored by Washington Defender
Association

Children's Justice Conference- Yearly attendance; next conference
scheduled for May 13 and 14, 2019; registered to attend

Raising the Bar- Sponsored by the University of Washington – April 20,
2018. Psychological evaluations for Children; Transgender children

EXPERIENCE:

LAW OFFICE OF DOLORES K. SARANDOS
Sole practitioner since December 1995 practicing Personal Injury, RCW
11.88 Guardianships, RCW 26.09 GAL/PI Family Law Cases; Panel
attorney for DAC cases since 1997; OPD cases since 2016.

As GAL under RCW 26.09, I have testified extensively in family law
custody disputes. Investigating and filing reports with the court under this

statute requires extensive knowledge of current case law regarding custody, visitation issues, as well as major and minor modifications to existing parenting plans. Monthly meetings at P.C. Superior Court with guest speakers discussing diverse subjects; i.e., behavioral/personality traits; working with parents dealing with cognitive deficiencies.

Member of the Pierce County Department of Assigned Counsel Panel for Dependency cases since 1997; represent family members in custody and visitation matters, as well as at-risk youths, at Shelter Care Hearings; Fact Findings; Reviews. Extensive experience representing clients at Termination Trials.

Since 1996, have been on the GAL Registry for RCW 11.88 cases; includes investigation, including vulnerable adult issues, interviews and preparation of reports to the court as well as testifying at hearing and trials; appointed as attorney for the AIP to represent their interests at trial. Investigate billings submitted by appointed guardians to insure appropriateness of charges.

Participated at attorney in SVP Civil Commitment trials under RCW 74.09.

ARBITRATION

Successfully arbitrated over fifty personal injury cases; successfully mediated numerous personal injury cases including medical malpractice settlement for over \$1,000,000; trial experience in personal injury and dependency cases as well as Civil Commitment cases.

On Registry for Arbitrators with Pierce County Superior Court; have participated in multiple arbitrations.

LAW OFFICE OF LEONARD W. MOEN & ASSOCIATES

Interned from 1986 through 1990 while attending law school.

1990 through 1995, attorney and manager of the Tacoma office, individually handling sixty to seventy-five personal injury cases; supervising two or three attorneys and six support staff. Conducted all interviews for incoming clients; responsible for hiring and firing of support staff. Conducted weekly staff/status meetings to insure awareness of Statute of Limitation and deadlines, as well as court calendars. Reviewed all files on a monthly basis.

PIPELINE RENOVATION SERVICE

Co-owned and managed pipeline renovation and construction company bidding on and performing government contracts throughout the United States, both municipal and military. This included preparation of bids, review of contracts and change orders to those contracts. Attended all meetings pertaining to contracts with engineers and city/military officials. On-site management of 10-20 man construction crews; purchase and rental of construction equipment and responsible for meeting all OSHA requirements.

UNITED STATES NAVY JAG OFFICE

Investigator and legal support staff manager at Lemoore Naval Air Station providing services to over 10,000 military families stationed/living on the base. Duties included working with Senior JAG Officer on all MIA issues (Secret Clearance required); liaison with families of MIA/KIA personnel; assisted at court-martials and administrative hearings; preparation of wills and other documents for military personnel.

MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

Mediator at District Court for Small Claims beginning in 1996 on cases involving landlord-tenant issues, contract disputes, and small personal injury claims.

Certified Mediator at Pierce County Dispute Resolution Center since 1996 for family law matters, contract disputes, property issues, and personal injury claims.

Participated in Settlement Conference Days.

VOLUNTEER:

Pierce County Tacoma Bar Association Volunteer Legal Services Committee.

Pierce County Tacoma Bar Association Judicial Qualifications/Evaluation Committee; GAL Committee; Mentor for incoming GALs.

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.

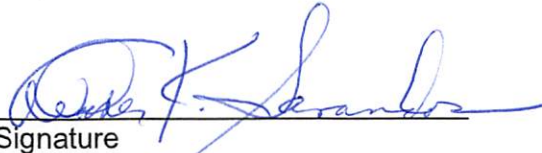
1. The appointed Guardian ad Litem shall decline the appointment if he/she is not qualified, competent, or able to complete the matter in a timely manner.
2. The Guardian ad Litem shall maintain the ethical principles of his/her own profession in addition to compliance with this Code of Conduct.
3. The 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.

Date

3/8/19

Signature



[Amended effective June 6, 2016]