

APPLICATION FOR PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
TITLE 26 PARENTING INVESTIGATOR/GUARDIAN AD LITEM
CERTIFIED REGISTRY

This application is for Parenting Investigator/Guardians ad Litem who are not currently serving on the Pierce County Superior Court Title 26 Certified Registry.

THIS IS PUBLIC INFORMATION

Print Name: Vernon Hosannah

This is my application to serve as a Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem in Pierce County, State of Washington as required under RCW Title 26. I hereby certify under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that my application is true and correct.

Signed at: Lakewood (City), Washington on 3/1/2022

Signature: Vernon Hosannah

WSBA # and Year admitted to practice law: 57170, 2020 - active

If a current or inactive member of another state's bar association, please indicate bar association number and year admitted, and if applicable, year you became inactive: N/A

Business Address: 7403 Lakewood Drive W., Suite 5

City: Lakewood State: WA Zip Code: 98499

Business Telephone Number: (253) 476-5977 FAX: (253) 474-2968

E-Mail Address: vernon@dshlg.com

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

Please indicate the county, date and location where you are enrolled for the mandatory training (only approved training qualifies) if not completed by the application closing date, **March 18, 2022**:

Training Sponsored by: (Name) Kitsap Legal Services
(Address) 920 Park Avenue, P O Box 1446
Bremerton, WA 98337
(County) Kitsap (Dates) 4-28-2021
(Phone) (360) 479-6125

NOTE: Only this application may be utilized. Late 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 18, 2022, 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. Level of formal education, indicating university issuing the degrees and years obtained: Morehouse College, BA, 4 years - 1984
Baruch College - CUNY, MSED, 1 1/2 years - 1998
CUNY Law School, JD, 3 years - 1994

B. Please list all trainings you have attended, the sponsor, month/year attended and the materials covered in each training that relate to Title 26 Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem statutory duties. Attach all Certificates of Attendance/Completion. King County Bar Assn. GAL - 2016
Kitsap County Superior Court - GAL training - 2018
Kitsap Legal Services - GAL training - 2021

C. Number of years experience as a Guardian ad Litem under RCW 26.09.220 and/or RCW 26.12.175 in other counties, if any: 6 years

1. Please list all counties and each year you were appointed in each county to serve on a RCW 26.09.220 and/or RCW 26.12.175 Certified Registry. For each county, please indicate all dates for any break in service.

For example:

7/1/2005 - Present, Thurston County, first served May, 2006

7/1/2000 - 7/1/2001, King County, never served

6/2016 - Kitsap County, present, first served 2016

2/29/2016 - Pierce County, first served 2016

D. Number of appointments you have received as a Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem and all counties eligible for appointment during the last Certified Registry year:

Appointments in Pierce County: 0

Appointments in 1 County: Kitsap

Appointments in _____ County: _____

E. Percentage of your total case load in other counties that RCW 26 Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem work represents overall:

1%

F. Criminal history, as defined in RCW 9.94A.030: A current (dated within 3 months of application submission) 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:

_____ No criminal history

G. 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.

H. 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.

I sued Kent School District regarding employment. I withdrew the suit because I failed to pursue all administrative remedies.

I. Evidence of your knowledge, training, and experience, in the following areas, pursuant to RCW 26.09.220 and /or RCW 26.12.175. You must complete in full, the information requested below, in the space provided, in addition to attaching the required resume or vitae. However, answers that only refer to a resume or vitae are not acceptable.

1) Child development, child sexual abuse, and child physical abuse and neglect:

In addition to my GAL training I have been an educator and administrator. I have been a mandated reporter and I am knowledgeable of child development, as well as abuse and neglect of children. (see WSBA MCE Report)

- 2) Clinical and forensic investigative and interviewing techniques:

KCBA GAL Training

- 3) Family reconciliation and mediation services:

CLE's and mediation practice.

- 4) Knowledge of relevant statutory and legal requirements to determine the best interest of the minor child in the context of a dissolution or parentage proceeding:

I am a practicing family law attorney who is knowledgeable of the statutory and legal requirements to determine the best interests of a minor child.

- 5) A general understanding of ethnic and cultural diversity and their implications for working with youth of color and their families in the context of a dissolution or parentage proceeding:

As a person of color, I am both sensitive and aware of issues involving culture and diversity. My interest and education is ongoing and life-long.

- 6) Legal procedures:

GAL training & CLE's

J. The number of times you have been removed for failure to adequately perform your duties as Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem or for any other cause. For each removal, give a brief explanation with the county, case name and cause number, and attach all relevant documents from the court file along with a copy of the court order of removal.

N/A

I also certify the following:

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

AGREE DISAGREE

L. My normal hourly rate is \$ 300.00. My hourly rate to serve as Parenting Investigator/ Guardian ad Litem by stipulation and agreement is \$ ____.

On rotational draw cases, my hourly rate is \$125.00 per hour. Retainer and any additional fees are **only** allowed by order of the Court which shall be obtained **in advance** of incurring fees, or county pay if a paternity case.

AGREE DISAGREE

M. 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

N. I have no criminal history or license suspension or revocation.

AGREE DISAGREE

O. 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

P. I will not accept any appointment involving a conflict of interest, and in the event I discover a conflict in the course of an appointment/investigation, I will immediately advise the parties, counsel, and court.

AGREE DISAGREE

Q. I have read and understand the applicability to me and agree to be bound and governed by the Pierce County Superior Court Administrative Policy #1 for the Title 26 Parenting Investigator/Guardians ad Litem Certified Registry.

AGREE DISAGREE

R. I have read, signed, returned, and understand the applicability to me of the Pierce County Superior Court Administrative Policy #2 Title 26 Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem Code of Conduct and agree to be bound and governed by the Code of Conduct.

AGREE DISAGREE

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

AGREE DISAGREE

If you disagree for any answer above (K-S), please explain in full on the addendum separate page and attach it to your application materials.

T. Please provide full disclosure of the following:
(If you need more space continue on the Addendum to Application, page 7.)

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. *None*

U. Have you ever posted or filed anything to any social media network pages (e.g. Facebook), blogs, e-mail or declarations or other material in court or administrative proceedings that would raise a question whether you are a person who respects and complies with the law and who will at all times act in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary? If yes, please provide details on Addendum Page.

Yes No

V. I am interested in being appointed to parentage cases. Yes No

I certify that I have thoroughly studied the provisions and requirements of Title 26 and believe I am fully qualified to be appointed as a Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem in Pierce County, Washington.

Vernon Hosannah
Signature

3/7/2022
Date of signing

Vernon Hosannah
Print Name

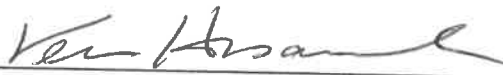
Lakewood, WA
Place of signing

Policy 2: Pierce County Superior Court RCW 26.09.220 and RCW 26.12.175 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. The Guardian ad Litem shall be available to testify if called by a party. Reasonable notice is required and funds deposited in the registry for preparation and time at trial.
8. Once admitted to the RCW 26.09 Certified Registry, all Guardians ad Litem shall fully comply with all continuing education requirements established by Pierce County and GALR.
9. The Guardian ad Litem shall report to D.S.H.S. and the court, any child abuse as defined in RCW 26.44.030, RCW 26.12.175 and RCW 26.12.177.
10. The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the foregoing, has read the same and GALR, and agrees to be governed by all.

3/8/2022
Date


Signature

[Amended effective June 6, 2016]

VERNON O. HOSANNAH, Esq.

7403 Lakewood Drive W., Ste .5

Lakewood, WA 98499

Phone (253) 476-5977 Fax (253) 565-2262

Email: vhhosah1@msn.com

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS:

- Providing legal advice from an ethical foundation
- Education law and educational advocacy.
- Teaching experience in university and public school environments.

EDUCATION:

Baruch College, New York, NY 10010

Master of Science in Education, Administration and Supervision, Awarded June 1998

The City University of New York School of Law at Queens College, Flushing, N.Y. 11367

Juris Doctorate, Law, Awarded May 1994

Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA 30314

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, Awarded June 1984

PROFESSIONAL STATE LICENSES:

WA- Attorney Admitted to the Bar 10/07/2020, WSBA# 57170

WA – Superintendent, Principal, Program Administrator, Teacher- Biology Primary, Primary Science, ELL

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Attorney at Law, - Hosannah Law Group, PLLC

7403 Lakewood Drive W., Ste .5

Lakewood, WA 98499

Administrative Practice, Family Law with Civil Litigation.

October 2020 to Present

Guest Teacher, - Tacoma School District

601 South 8th Street, Tacoma, WA 98405

I am currently employed to educate youth of various ages throughout the district.

October 2019 to June 2020

Teacher, - Kent School District

12033 SE 256th Street, Kent, WA 98030

I taught Sixth Grade students the Common Core Curriculum at Meridian Elementary School. Supervisors:

LySander Collins, Principal Rainier View Elementary School, 3015 S 368th St, Federal Way, WA 98003 (253) 945-3700 and Stephanie Barringer, Principal Meridian Elementary, (253) 373-3220. *August 2016 to June 2019*

Guardian Ad Litem, - Kitsap County Superior Court

614 Division Street, MS – 24, Port Orchard, WA 98366

Pursuant to RCW 26.12.175(1)(a), "The court may appoint a guardian ad litem to represent the interests of a minor or dependent child when the court believes the appointment of a guardian ad litem is necessary to protect the best interests of the child in any proceedings under this chapter." The role of the guardian ad litem is to investigate and report factual information to the court concerning parenting arrangements of the child and to represent the child's best interests. *June 2016 to Present*

Juvenile Rehabilitation Community Counselor- JRA Region 2, Seattle Office

500 1st Avenue S, Suite 600, Seattle, WA 98104

I modeled pro-social adaptive behavior; assessed youth behavior for risk to self or community and referred youth for treatment services. I identified, taught and assisted families connect with appropriate services and resources matched to the family. I supported and monitored youth and family participation in appropriate community services, as well as maintained professional standards and boundaries when working with youth and their families. Supervisor: Ed Pompey, Program Manager (206) 639-6007 (Work), *November 2012 to October 2013*

Juvenile Rehabilitation Residential Counselor – Echo Glen Children’s Center

Chinook Cottage, 33010 SE 99th Street, Snoqualmie, WA 98065

I provided daily group supervision, mental health treatment, comprehensive case management, transition planning, and counseling services for youth offenders and their families. Supervisor: Gerald Threet, Program Manager (425) 831-2632 (Work), *March 2008 to October 2012*,

Assistant Principal - Central Kitsap School District

Central Kitsap Junior High School, 10130 Frontier Place NW, Silverdale, WA 98383

I was responsible for the safety and security of the school. As assistant principal, I conducted investigations of student misconduct, hired, trained and evaluated staff. I also reviewed District and school wide policies. I wrote and revised the student handbook annually. I practiced investigative techniques and have prepared and reviewed investigative reports. I also represented the school in numerous administrative proceedings. My duties included working directly with HR involving employee matters. I participated in meetings, trainings and workshops related to the collective bargaining process and explained rights and responsibilities for approximately 1000 students and 80 staff. Supervisor Barbara Gilchrist, Principal Retired. N/A, August 2002 to June 2006

Assistant Principal - Seattle Public Schools

Bailey Gatzert Elementary School, 1301 E. Yesler Way, Seattle, WA 98122

I served as site supervisor for the Washington Reading Corp., the umbrella program for all reading instruction for the school. In addition, I led and coordinated Student Intervention Team meetings. My other responsibilities included providing instructional leadership, supervising and evaluating staff, improving the school culture, handling discipline issues and maintaining a safe and orderly environment for 430 students and for 60 staff. Supervisor: Jean Anthony, Principal Retired N/A, *August 2001 to June 2002, 40 hours/week*

Adjunct Professor - Tacoma Community College

Gig Harbor/ Peninsula College Center

3993 Hunt Street, Gig Harbor, WA 98335

I taught Business Law. Supervisor: Becky Morgan (253) 460-2424(Work), *September 2000 to December 2000*

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity – Member

Puyallup Tribal Bar – Member

Tacoma-Pierce County Minority Bar Association – Member

Washington State Bar Association - Member

WSBA MCLE Reporting Period 2022 - 2023

Vernon Ovington Hosannah

License Number: 57170

Summary

Credit Requirements Fulfilled Yes

Credit Requirement Deadline 12/31/23

Certification Deadline 02/01/24

Act ID	Activity and Sponsor	Type	Status	Start Date	End Date	L&L	Ethics	Other	Total
1153648	Family Law Section: Real Estate and Appraisals for the Family Law Attorney Sponsor: Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association	Live Activity	Approved	10/21/20	10/21/20	1.00	-	-	1.00
1156578	Have You Considered Becoming an Administrative Law Judge? Sponsor: Board of Industrial Insurance Appeals	Live Activity	Approved	01/08/21	01/08/21	-	-	1.50	1.50
1154114	Public Records Act FAQs: An Introduction to MRSC Web-Based Resources Sponsor: WSBA CLE	Live Activity	Approved	01/21/21	01/21/21	1.00	-	-	1.00
1162047	Washington's NEW Minor Guardianship Statute Sponsor: Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association	Live Activity	Approved	02/26/21	02/26/21	1.00	2.00	1.00	4.00
1166962	UFC/FAMILY LAW SECTION: Trauma-Informed Techniques to Support Domestic Violence Survivors Sponsor: King County Bar Association	Live Activity	Approved	05/12/21	05/12/21	1.25	-	-	1.25
1166530	2021 Trial Advocacy Program Sponsor: WSBA CLE	Live Activity	Approved	05/21/21	05/22/21	11.75	1.25	-	13.00
1166122	Title 26 GAL Re-certification Training Sponsor: Kitsap Legal Services	Live Activity	Approved	04/28/21	04/28/21	2.75	0.50	3.00	6.25
1167571	Institutional Racism and Legal System Responsibilities - Part 1 Sponsor: WSBA CLE	Live Activity	Approved	05/26/21	05/26/21	-	3.50	-	3.50
1167762	Estate Planning for the 99% Sponsor: King County Bar Association	Live Activity	Approved	05/14/21	05/14/21	6.00	0.75	-	6.75

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1170291	Principle of Practice: Values to Transform Child Welfare Sponsor: Pierce County Juvenile Court	Live Activity	Approved	06/10/21	06/10/21	-	-	1.50	1.50
1167290	Diversity Equity & Inclusion - Language and Lexicon Sponsor: Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association	Live Activity	Approved	06/16/21	06/16/21	-	1.00	-	1.00
1166999	Legal Lunchbox™ Series: Negotiating Strategies for Setting Up and Closing the Deal Sponsor: WSBA CLE	Live Activity	Approved	05/25/21	05/25/21	-	-	1.50	1.50
1169307	FAMILY LAW SECTION/UFC: Best Practices for Virtual Engagement in Court-Related Contact Sponsor: King County Bar Association	Live Activity	Approved	06/09/21	06/09/21	1.25	-	-	1.25
1168230	The ABCs of DUIs is Not as Easy as 1, 2, 3 Sponsor: WSBA CLE	Live Activity	Approved	07/08/21	07/08/21	2.50	0.50	-	3.00
1173555	[Prerecorded] Legal Lunchbox™ Series: Education Law: School Discipline in K-12, College, and the Washington Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) Sponsor: WSBA CLE	Recorded Activity	Approved	07/27/21	07/27/21	1.50	-	-	1.50
1167291	Diversity Equity & Inclusion - Cultural Competence Sponsor: Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association	Live Activity	Approved	08/18/21	08/18/21	-	1.00	-	1.00
1176945	FAMILY LAW SECTION: Intersection of Family Law and Immigration Law Sponsor: King County Bar Association	Live Activity	Approved	09/03/21	09/03/21	1.00	-	-	1.00
1177945	2021 Ethics in Civil Litigation Sponsor: WSBA CLE	Live Activity	Approved	09/14/21	09/14/21	-	6.00	-	6.00
1175818	What is a Personal Injury Case Worth and How Do You Get There? Sponsor: WSBA CLE	Live Activity	Approved	09/30/21	09/30/21	1.00	-	-	1.00
1179698	Kitsap Bar Convention and CLE Sponsor: Kitsap County Bar Association	Live Activity	Approved	10/16/21	10/16/21	2.00	1.00	1.00	4.00
1180063	How Minor Guardianship Has Changed and Adult Guardianship Will Change Under the New UGA Sponsor: WSBA CLE	Live Activity	Approved	10/26/21	10/26/21	1.50	-	-	1.50

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1183427	Pierce County's All Things Parentage Follow Up - Tip Sheet w/FAQs Sponsor: Pierce County Juvenile Court	Live Activity	Approved	12/09/21	12/09/21	1.25	-	-	1.25	
1197821	Family Law Section: Military Pensions - Recent Developments Sponsor: Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association	Live Activity	Approved	01/19/22	01/19/22	1.00	-	-	1.00	
1200209	Juvenile Court: Depositions Demystified Sponsor: Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association	Live Activity	Approved	02/22/22	02/22/22	1.00	-	-	1.00	
						Approved	38.75	17.50	9.50	65.75
						Pending	-	-	-	-
						Carry Over 19-20	-	-	-	-
						Required	15.00	6.00	-	45.00
						Total Reported	38.75	17.50	9.50	65.75
						Remaining	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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**CERTIFICATE
OF
ATTENDANCE**

This certifies that

VERNON HOSANNAH

attended the Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Recertification Training Online via Zoom
on April 28th of 2021.
This course has been approved for 6.25 CLE credits (2.75 Law & Legal, .5 Ethics, and 3.00
Other) by the WSBWA.

Joanne E. Sprague

Joanne E. Sprague
Executive Director
Kitsap Legal Services

K.D. Hull

Hon. Kevin D. Hull
Presiding Judge
Kitsap Superior Court