

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
FOR SAN JUAN COUNTY**

350 Court Street, #7, Friday Harbor, WA 98250
Tel: (360) 370-7480 & (360) 378-2399 Fax: (360) 370-7485

Kathryn C. Loring
Judge

Jane M. Severin
Court Administrator

RE: Family Law RCW 26 GAL REGISTRY APPLICATION

Dear Applicant:

To be considered for our RCW 26 GAL Registry, originals of the following must be submitted by mail or hand-delivered to the address below:

1. Application Form (attached – pages 1-7).
2. Oath of Guardian ad Litem (attached – page 8).
3. Initialed Code of Conduct (attached – Pages 9-10).
4. Confidential Application and Release Form (attached – page 11).
5. Application and Notice Pursuant to the National Child Protection Act of 1993 as Amended by the Volunteers for Children Act (NCPA/VCA) (attached – pages 12-13).
6. Noncriminal Justice Applicant's Privacy Rights (attached – page 14)
7. Memorandum of Understanding, if willing to serve at public expense (attached – page 15).
8. Your résumé/CV.
9. Copy of your fee schedule.
10. Proof of Title 26 GAL approved annual recertification training for renewal applications or mandatory initial training for new applications.
11. Criminal History Report as per RCW 9.94A.030 to be scheduled through San Juan County Superior Court Administration Department, 360-378-2399.
12. Form W-9 (available at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf), if serving at public expense.

Additionally, please make sure to download and read the following:

13. Washington State GALRs ([Washington State Courts - Court Rules](#)); and
14. San Juan County local court rules for GALS (LCR 94) ([Local-Court-Rules-2021-PDF \(sanjuanco.com\)](#))

Please mail the completed applications **with all attachments** and original signatures to:

Jane Severin
Court Administrator
San Juan County Superior Court
350 Court Street # 7
Friday Harbor, Washington 98250

Thank you for your interest in serving as an RCW 26 Guardian Ad Litem for San Juan County Superior Court.

Enclosures

**SAN JUAN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT RCW 26
GAL APPLICATION**

The following information provided by you will be made available to the public for review:

Name: _____

Business Name or Firm: _____

Business Address: _____

City and State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Business Phone: (_____) _____ Fax: (_____) _____

Alternate Phone: (_____) _____ *(This will not be kept confidential.)*

Email address: _____

WSBA or Washington State Certificate (if applicable) #: _____

1. I hereby apply to serve as a: **RCW 26 Guardian ad Litem – Family Law**

2. I have never been convicted of a felony or a crime involving theft, dishonesty, or moral turpitude. **Must initial:** _____

3. My formal education is included in my resume/CV or set forth as follows:

4. I have completed the initial training program required by RCW 26 and have provided proof of the same with this application.

5. I have attended the following Title 26 GAL Training(s) in the last three (3) years:
Date: _____ County/Sponsor: _____
Date: _____ County/Sponsor: _____
Date: _____ County/Sponsor: _____
Date: _____ County/Sponsor: _____

6. I have attended the following Title 11.88 GAL Training(s) in the last three (3) years:

Date: _____ County/Sponsor: _____

Date: _____ County/Sponsor: _____

Date: _____ County/Sponsor: _____

Date: _____ County/Sponsor: _____

7. I have attended the following Title 11.130 GAL/Court Visitor training(s) in the last three (3) years:

Date: _____ County/Sponsor: _____

Date: _____ County/Sponsor: _____

Date: _____ County/Sponsor: _____

Date: _____ County/Sponsor: _____

8. I have attended the following Title 13 GAL/CASA training(s) in the last three (3) years:

Date: _____ County/Sponsor: _____

Date: _____ County/Sponsor: _____

Date: _____ County/Sponsor: _____

Date: _____ County/Sponsor: _____

9. I have the following number of years of experience as a:

• Title 26 GAL: _____

• Title 11.88 GAL: _____

• Title 11.130 GAL/Visitor: _____

• Title 13 GAL/CASA: _____

10. I have received the following number of appointments and the county or counties of appointment as a:

• Title 26 GAL: _____

• Title 11.88 GAL: _____

• Title 11.130 GAL/Visitor: _____

• Title 13 GAL/CASA: _____

11. The following is a statement of my criminal history, if any, as defined by RCW 9.94A.030:

12. The following is a list of all grievances found against me, and all GAL, or CASA registries from which I have been removed for cause, including the County, case number, and date for each instance:

13. The following is a statement of the extent of liability coverage in force covering any errors, omissions and acts of professional negligence (provide name of company and policy limits, or provide copy of policy coverage):

14. 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 suspension; removal or suspension from any county's GAL Registry; the suspension or revocation of my professional license; and/or to the filing of criminal charges for a felony or crime involving allegations of theft, dishonesty or moral turpitude. **Must initial:** _____

15. I agree to accept County-Paid appointments up to _____ cases per year and have signed the Memorandum of Understanding for Court Appointed Guardians ad Litem (RCWs 11.88 and 26 only).

16. The following **must** be included with this application (**check the item below to acknowledge inclusion with your application**):
 - Copy of the certificate from the training provider evidencing successful completion of the mandatory initial training; and
 - Certificate evidencing successful completion of most recent annual training
 - Résumé/curriculum vitae, showing work and professional or personal experience in or related to the work of an RCW 26 Guardian ad Litem.
 - 1 or 2 Sample GAL Report/s from prior appointment (redacted, if appropriate); or
 - Report requirement waived for new GAL's with no prior appointments. I have had no prior GAL appointments.
 - Completed and signed statements regarding professional complaints, investigations, or disciplinary actions and claims or litigation (pages 5 and 6 of this application).
 - Signed acknowledgment and agreement to be bound by the Court's policies regarding compensation (page 7 of this application).
 - Signed Oath of Guardian ad Litem and Code of Conduct (pages 8-11 of this application).

- Signed release of information directed to all professional regulatory bodies, which have licensed or supervised the applicant within the last ten (10) years (page 12 of this application).
- Conviction Criminal History Report as per RCW 9.94A.030 to be scheduled through San Juan County Superior Court Administration.
- Signed Application and Notice Pursuant to the National Child Protection Act of 1993 as Amended by the Volunteers for Children Act (NCPA/VCA) (pages 13-14 of this application).
- Signed Noncriminal Justice Applicant's Privacy Rights (page 15 of this Application).
- Signed Memorandum of Understanding.

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

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20____, at

(City and State)

Signature and Printed Name of Applicant

PROFESSIONAL COMPLAINTS, INVESTIGATIONS OR DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

(Please check mark one box below.)

- Description of the nature, status and outcome of any professional complaints, investigations or disciplinary actions, lawsuits or professional liability claims, and any order for removal as Guardian ad Litem prior to completion of Guardian ad Litem duties. Please provide summary and outcome only and attach additional pages if needed.

- I affirm that there have been no professional complaints, investigations or disciplinary actions, lawsuits or professional liability claims and any order for removal as Guardian ad Litem prior to completion of Guardian ad Litem duties.

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

Date: _____

Signature

Print Name

CLAIMS OR LITIGATION

(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 provide summary and outcome only and attach additional pages if needed.

- 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: _____

Signature

Print Name

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND BY THE COURT'S
POLICIES REGARDING COMPENSATION**

Appointed Guardians ad Litem are responsible for managing their assigned cases within the scope and fee scales set by the bench. All bills must be timely and itemized with a copy of the Order Appointing the Guardian ad Litem submitted at the time of billing.

The order of appointment for a particular case will include the number of initial hours authorized. These maximums may be adjusted up front in a given case, depending on the allegations and needs as determined by the Court or as agreed to by the parties or their counsel in private pay cases. If the GAL believes additional hours are needed, a motion for authorization will need to be presented to the Court or in private pay cases, in the alternative, approval obtained from the parties or their counsel, prior to exceeding the initial maximum.

I certify that I have read and agree to be bound by the Court's policies in cases in which compensation is sought at public expense. Currently, the rate for County cases is set at: \$75/hour up to 30 hours for GALs, including costs.

Date: _____

Signature

Print Name

OATH OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM

I am on the Guardian ad Litem Registry for San Juan County. Whenever appointed to act as Guardian ad Litem, I will perform all duties required of me by law and by order or rule of the San Juan County Superior Court. By my signature below and my initials on the attached, I acknowledge I have read the attached San Juan County Superior Court Guardian Ad Litem Code of Conduct and understand and agree to be bound and will abide by the same.

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

Date: _____

Signature

Printed Name

Business Address

City and State

Zip Code

(_____) _____ Business
Telephone Number

**SAN JUAN COUNTY GUARDIAN AD LITEM REGISTRY
CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. The Guardian ad Litem shall represent the best interests of the persons for whom he or she is appointed.
2. The Guardian ad Litem shall make a reasonable inquiry as to the facts and issues in dispute and shall decline the appointment if the Guardian ad Litem is not qualified, competent or able to complete the matter in a timely manner. The Guardian ad Litem shall locate professional resources as necessary to assist in the Guardian ad Litem's evaluation and recommendations.
3. The Guardian ad Litem shall maintain the ethical principles of the Guardian ad Litem's own profession.
4. The Guardian ad Litem shall remain qualified for the registry to which the Guardian ad Litem is appointed and shall promptly advise the court of any grounds for disqualification or unavailability to serve.
5. The Guardian ad Litem shall maintain independence and objectivity in the Guardian ad Litem investigation.
6. The Guardian ad Litem shall avoid any actual or apparent conflict of interest or impropriety in the conduct of Guardian ad Litem duties. The Guardian ad Litem shall avoid self-dealing or association from which the Guardian ad Litem might directly or indirectly benefit, other than for compensation as Guardian ad Litem. The Guardian ad Litem shall take action immediately to resolve any potential conflict or impropriety. The Guardian ad Litem shall advise the court and the parties of action taken, or resign from the matter, as may be necessary to resolve the conflict or impropriety.
7. The Guardian ad Litem shall treat the parties with respect, courtesy, fairness and good faith, regardless of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, cultural heritage, gender, age, education, economic status, marital status, sexual orientation or disability.
8. The Guardian ad Litem shall inform the court concerning all relevant information disclosed or made available to the Guardian ad Litem.
9. The Guardian ad Litem shall not guarantee or create the impression that any portion of the investigation will remain confidential.
10. The Guardian ad Litem shall maintain the privacy of the parties, and shall make no disclosures about the case or investigation except in reports to the court or as necessary to perform the duties of the Guardian ad Litem.

**SAN JUAN COUNTY GUARDIAN AD LITEM REGISTRY
CODE OF CONDUCT**

11. The Guardian ad Litem shall perform duties in a prompt and timely manner. The Guardian ad Litem shall maintain adequate documentation to substantiate recommendations and conclusions. The Guardian ad Litem shall keep complete and contemporaneous records of actions taken and the time and expense incurred.

12. The Guardian ad Litem shall report to law enforcement and/or Child Protective Services any child abuse or neglect as defined in RCW 26.44 or adult abuse as defined in RCW 74.34 as found by him or her.

**SAN JUAN COUNTY GUARDIAN AD LITEM
CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION AND RELEASE**

The information provided by you on this page will be kept in a separate file due to confidentiality. For criminal history check purposes, please provide:

Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
(including middle name)

Maiden Name: _____ All Aliases: _____

Driver's License #: _____ Email Address: _____
(***mandatory***)

Address: _____ Telephone #: _____
_____ Fax #: _____
Zip Code

RELEASE
(To be enclosed with your application)

TO:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Washington State Patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington State Courts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Washington State Bar Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington State Medical Association |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Washington State Nursing Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington Board of Psychology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Washington State Department of Licensing | |

I, _____, (Professional License No.: _____),
hereby authorize you for the purpose of my application and/or work as a San Juan County
Guardian ad Litem, to release information to and discuss such information with:

Jane Severin, Court Administrator
San Juan County Superior Court
350 Court Street, #7
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

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/Date

APPLICATION AND NOTICE PURSUANT TO THE NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION ACT OF 1993 AS AMENDED BY THE VOLUNTEERS FOR CHILDREN ACT

To the applicant:

The National Child Protection Act of 1993 (NCPA), Public Law (Pub. L.) 103-209, as amended by the Volunteers for Children Act (VCA), Pub. L. 105-251 (Sections 221 and 222 of Crime Identification Technology Act of 1998) codified at 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) Sections 5119a and 5119c, authorizes a state and national criminal history background check to determine the fitness of an employee, or volunteer, or a person with unsupervised access to children, the elderly, or individuals with disabilities.

Pursuant to the VCA, the entity (a) to which you have applied for employment or to serve as a volunteer; (b) by which you are employed or serve as a volunteer; or (c) which provides care to someone to whom you have or may have unsupervised access, may request a background check. Your rights and responsibilities under the VCA are as follows:

1. Provide a set of fingerprints.
2. Provide your name, address, and date of birth as it appears on a document made or issued by or under the authority of the United States Government, a State, political subdivision of a State, a foreign government, a political subdivision of a foreign government, an international governmental or an international quasi-governmental organization which, when completed with information concerning a particular individual, is of a type intended or commonly accepted for the purpose of identification of individuals. 18 U.S.C. §1028(d)(2).
3. Provide a certification that you (a) have not been convicted of a crime, (b) are not under indictment for a crime, or (c) have been convicted of a crime. If you are under indictment or have been convicted of a crime, you must declare the crime and the particulars of the conviction, if any.
4. You are entitled to (a) obtain a copy of any background check report and (b) challenge the accuracy and completeness of any information contained in any such report and obtain a prompt determination as to the validity of such challenge before a final determination is made by the state government agency performing the background check. Such request for a copy of your criminal history record and any challenge to the accuracy of such record should be addressed to

San Juan County Superior Court
Attn: Court Administrator
350 Court Street; No. 7
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

Notice Pursuant to the National Child Protection Act,
Amended by the Volunteers for Children Act (NCPA/VCA) - 1

5. Prior to the completion of the background check, the entity may choose to deny you unsupervised access to a person to whom the entity provides care.

The governmental agency shall access and review State and Federal criminal history records and shall make reasonable efforts to make a determination whether you have been convicted of, or are under pending indictment for, a crime that bears upon your fitness and shall convey that determination to the qualified entity. The government agency shall make reasonable efforts to respond to the inquiry within 15 business days.

Name: _____
First Middle Maiden Last

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____
Street

City State Zip

Document referenced: _____ *(please provide a copy of valid picture ID – must be current)*

I have been convicted of, or am under pending indictment for, the following crimes [include the dates, location/jurisdiction, circumstances and outcome]:

I have not been convicted of, nor am I under pending indictment for, any crimes.

I have been provided with a copy of this form. I have read and understood the foregoing and my certification is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date

Signature of Applicant

Notice Pursuant to the National Child Protection Act,
Amended by the Volunteers for Children Act (NCPA/VCA) - 2

-Noncriminal Justice Applicant's Privacy Rights

As an applicant who is the subject of a national fingerprint-based criminal history record check for a noncriminal justice purpose, such as an application for placement on the Guardian ad Litem Registry for Family Law Title 26, you have certain rights which are discussed below.

- You must be provided written notification¹ that your fingerprints will be used to check the criminal history records of the FBI.
- If you have a criminal history record, the officials making a determination of your suitability for placement on the Guardian ad Litem Registry for San Juan County Superior Court must provide you the opportunity to complete or challenge the accuracy of the information in the record.
- The officials must advise you that the procedures for obtaining a change, correction, or updating of your criminal history record are set forth at Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 16.34.
- If you have a criminal history record, you will be afforded a reasonable amount of time to correct or complete the record (or decline to do so) before the officials deny you placement on the Guardian ad Litem Registry based on information in the criminal history record.²

You have the right to expect that officials receiving the results of the criminal history record check will use it solely for authorized purposes and will not retain or disseminate it in violation of federal statute, regulation or executive order, or rule, procedure or standard established by the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Council.

If you request a copy, the official will provide you with a copy of your FBI criminal history record for review and possible challenge. Also, you may obtain a copy of the record by submitting fingerprints and a fee to the FBI. Information regarding this process may be obtained at <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/background-checks>.

If you decide to challenge the accuracy or completeness of your FBI criminal history record, you should send your challenge to the agency that contributed the questioned information to the FBI. Alternatively, you may send your challenge directly to the FBI. The FBI will then forward your challenge to the agency that contributed the questioned information and request the agency to verify or correct the challenged entry. Upon receipt of an official communication from that agency, the FBI will make any necessary changes/corrections to your record in accordance with the information supplied by that agency. (See 28 CFR 16.30 through 16.34.)

I have read the foregoing notice and acknowledge receipt of a copy thereof on this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Printed Name: _____

¹ Written notification includes electronic notification, but excludes oral notification.
² See 5 U.S.C. 534(b); 42 U.S.C. 14616, Article IV(c); 28 CFR 20.21(c), 20.33(d), 50.12(b) and 906.2(d)
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
FOR SAN JUAN COUNTY**

**Kathryn C. Loring
Judge**

**Jane M. Severin
Court Administrator**

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Court Appointed Guardians ad Litem
Policies and Procedures for County-Paid Services

Guardians ad Litem who accept County-Paid appointments by the court in Title 26 cases agree to comply with the following fee and expense payment policies and procedures:

The Guardian ad Litem shall be paid for services provided at the rate of \$75.00 per hour with an hourly cap of up to 30 hours. Reimbursement for expenses are governed by the following standards.

1. Ordinary and usual costs of performing duties of Guardian ad Litem, such as, but not limited to telephone charges, postage and copies, shall be reimbursed at actual cost.
2. The cost of any expert witness, interpreter, investigator or other professional services must be approved in advance by the Superior Court Judge and shall be reimbursed at actual cost, unless paid directly to the expert witness, interpreter or investigator.
3. The Guardian ad Litem shall not be reimbursed for in-County travel. Any out-of-County travel, exclusive of time travelling on the Washington State ferries, will be paid at the rate of \$75.00 per hour, not to exceed three (3) hours. Travel expenses such as ferry fare or parking fees shall be reimbursed at actual cost. Mileage will not be paid.
4. The Guardian ad Litem expressly reserves and the County acknowledges the Guardian ad Litem's right to petition the Court for extraordinary relief for extraordinary circumstances.

The Guardian ad Litem's invoices for payment for services rendered and costs incurred during the preceding month shall be given to the Superior Court Administrator in the form, manner and detail specified by that office, including but not limited to the provisions and requirements stated below:

The Guardian ad Litem shall submit a signed original and one copy of any invoice, including thereon:

- a. Case number;
- b. Name of parties;
- c. Date, nature and duration of service expressed in hours and decimal equivalents of minutes expressed in 15-minute increments;
- d. Statement of total costs incurred during that billing period; and
- e. Documentation of costs billed in the invoice

Signature

Date

Printed Name: _____