

September 2011

GUARDIAN AD LITEM TRAINING

GAL training is scheduled on the third Thursday of each month. September training is Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm in Courtroom 315 (CCB); it will be a Round Table discussion with the Family Court Judges.

ACCESS TO ATTORNEY AREA OF CRIMINAL DIVISION COURTROOMS

All attorneys must have a county-issued pin number to access the Criminal Division Courtrooms on the 2nd floor. If you do not have a pin-number, you can request one in Room 247 from any member of the Differential Case Management (DCM) Team. If you have any questions, please contact the Criminal Case Manager, Sara Fleck, at 253-798-3305.

WELCOME BACK JUDGE STEINER

After a brief time retired, Judge Steiner has returned to help the court. Specifically, he is working as the pro tem Criminal Court Commissioner until the end of 2011. Thank You Judge Steiner!

UNPAID FURLOUGH DAYS HIT SUPERIOR COURT

Another indication of the difficult financial situation, Superior Court staff will be taking two unpaid furlough days during the last quarter of 2011. The specific days will be different for each of the staff although most departmental staff will be taking at least one day during the Fall Judges' Conference (October 2 and 3).

COURT INFORMATION DESK VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Pierce County Superior Court, District Court and Tacoma Municipal Court are seeking volunteers to work at the information desks on the 1st and 2nd floors of the County City Building. The goal of this project is to assist building visitors in finding what they need and to provide general information to anyone visiting the building. Volunteers are requested to make a minimum commitment of 5 hours per week. Volunteer service is contingent upon successfully passing a background check. The program was funded by a grant from the State Administrative Office of the Courts. If you are interested in this program or know of someone who might be, please contact Mary Madden at Pierce County Superior Court; (253) 798-2991 or email at mmadden@co.pierce.wa.us