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RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT: 55
TITLE 26 PARENTING INVESTIGATOR/GUARDIAN AD
LITEM CERTIFIED REGISTRY SUPERIOR COURT
ADMINISTRATION

This application is for Guardians ad Litem currently serving on the Pierce County Superior Court Title 26 Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem Certified Registry.

THIS IS PUBLIC INFORMATION

This is my **renewal** application to serve as a Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem in Pierce County, State of Washington, as required under Title 26. 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.

Date Signed: 3/6/09 Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

WSBA # and Year Admitted: N/A

Printed Name: Katrina L. Bakke - Sandstrom

[] Business Address: 1401 Marvin Rd NE Suite 307, PMB 558

[] City: Lacey State: WA Zip Code: 98516

[] E-Mail Address: K.Sandstrom@comcast.net

[] Business Telephone Number: 253-538-4967 [] FAX: 253-295-8171

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

Please list all trainings attended during the past year: (include Date, Sponsor, and Topic)

See attached.

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 20, 2009 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 26.09 Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem Certified Registry in **Pierce County**. Please list any years where there was a break in service:

2002

B. Number of appointments you have received as a Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem and all counties eligible for appointment during the last year, 1/1/08 to 12/31/08:

14

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

100%

D. Criminal history, as defined in RCW 9.94A.030: A current 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 ever been accused of, found guilty of, or been a victim of **either** domestic violence or an anti-harassment action? Yes ___ No . If **yes**, please explain.

F. The number of times you have been removed for failure to adequately perform 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.

I have never been removed from a case.

I also certify the following:

G. 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 ___



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November 27, 2007

Ms. Katrina Sandstrom
14715 Pacific Ave S Number 610
Tacoma, WA 98444

Dear Ms. Sandstrom:

This is to certify that you attended the King County Bar Association Program:
ADVANCED TITLE 26 FAMILY LAW GAL ISSUES on November 16, 2007, which
was held at the Rainier Square Conference Center, Seattle

The program was approved for 4.00 CEUs by the NASW Washington State Chapter.
Provider #1975-247.

Any questions regarding the above should be directed to my attention at 206-267-7004.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Denise L. Medlock', is written over a large, light-colored oval shape.

Denise L. Medlock
KCBA CLE Manager

POLICY 2

**PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
RCW 26.09.220 AND RCW 26.12.175
PARENTING INVESTIGATOR/GUARDIAN AD LITEM CODE OF CONDUCT**

All Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem's shall fully comply with this Code of Conduct and the requirements of Superior Court GALR, effective 11/01:

1. The appointed Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem shall decline the appointment if they are not qualified, competent, or able to complete the matter in a timely manner.
2. The Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem shall maintain the ethical principles of their own profession in addition to compliance with this Code of Conduct.
3. The Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem shall promptly advise the court of any grounds for disqualification or unavailability to serve.
4. The Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem shall avoid self-dealing or association from which the Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem might directly or indirectly benefit, other than from compensation as a Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem.
5. The Parenting Investigator/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 Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem must be reported to the court.
6. All records, including contemporaneously maintained time and expense records, of the Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem shall promptly 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 Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem shall be available to testify if called by a party.
8. Once admitted to the RCW 26.09 Certified Registry, all Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem's shall fully comply with all continuing education requirements established under Pierce County Local Rules and GALR, as amended.

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

3/6/09
Date


Signature

Katrina L.

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Bakke-Sandstrom

Paralegal & Guardian ad Litem

E-mail: KBakke1@Comcast.net

EDUCATION:

Master's Degree in Diplomacy, 2005

Norwich University, emphasis in International Law/Relations

Paralegal Certificate, 1998

Highline Community College, ABA accredited

Bachelors Degree in Political Science/Pre-Law, 1993

Washington State University, Minor in English Writing

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

June 2002 to Present: Guardian ad Litem *Pierce County Superior Court*. Responsible for investigating and reporting back to the court matters where parenting in dissolution/modification/and third party custody actions is contested.

April 2006 to October 2006: Paralegal 2 (temporary) for the *State of Washington*, DSHS/HRSA Hearings & Appeals. Responsible for managing over 1000 cases per year, including the discovery process, case assignment, and docket control. Assist attorneys in preparing briefs, client contact, and attend meetings for attorneys and program manager as requested.

September 2002 through June 2005: College Instructor at *Pierce College* as a tenure track faculty member at in the Business Information Technology Department where I taught their Legal Office Administrative Assistant program and was the program's coordinator.

January 2001 to January 2002: Senior Paralegal in family law, at *Lutz Law Offices*.

August 1998 to January 2001: Paralegal/Office Manager in family law for *Valerie V. Staley*.

March 1994 to June 2002: Freelance Paralegal practicing in civil litigation, family law, and estate planning.

VALUABLE ASSETS: Proficient in Microsoft Office, LINX, various legal research programs, as well as other industry specific software. Possess outstanding written and oral communication, organizational, management, and research skills. Ability to type 100+ WPM, am detail oriented, and work well under pressure. Knowledge of Windows networking concepts, Microsoft Exchange Server, and networking related software applications.

LEGAL SKILLS: Preparation of legal pleadings/correspondence from scratch, trial preparation, legal research, and familiarity of court rules. Education in and/or experience with: Family Law, Estate Planning, civil litigation, Personal Injury, Civil Rights, medical malpractice, Contracts, Real Estate, Probate, Business, Administrative, Banking, and Property Law.