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

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

This is my 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 application is true and correct.

Date Signed: 3/3/09 Signature: Kay Bratton
WSBA # and Year Admitted: # 38549 2006

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

Printed Name: KAY BRATTON

Business Address: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED]

Business Telephone Number: 253-576-3863 FAX: N/A

E-Mail Address: Kaybratton@gmail.com

Bilingual: NO If so, in what language(s): N/A

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 20, 2009**:

Training Sponsored by: (Name) _____
(Address) _____
(County) _____ (Dates) _____, 2009
(Phone) _____

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. Level of formal education, degrees and years obtained:

J.D. 2006

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 ASSOC. Title 26 GAL training
JANUARY 2009

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:

NONE

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.

NONE

For example:

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

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

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, 7/1/08 to 12/31/08:

NONE

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

ZERO

F. 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:

G. Have you ever been accused of, found guilty of, or been a victim of either domestic violence or an anti-harassment action? Yes X No _____

If yes, please explain. 12-10-84 Argument with roommate, we pushed each other, resulting in both of us being arrested for D.V. charges were dismissed. 2-15-00 temp. protective order obtained by my ex after moving out. 2/29/00 the order was dismissed - NO GROUNDS.

H. 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:

College coursework in Sociology, & Title 26 GAL training.

- 2) Clinical and forensic investigative and interviewing techniques:

Forensics Course in Law school & Title 26 GAL training.

- 3) Family reconciliation and mediation services:

Alternative Dispute Resolution & Family Law courses at Law School & Title 26 GAL training.

- 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:

Family Law Course, other legal training for J.D.

- 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:

Over the years I have been in several long term lesbian relationships with women of color, experiencing firsthand the challenges we face when bridging cultural & ethnic gaps. This experience

has increased my awareness & sensitivity to the perspective of others.

6) Legal procedures:

I am a licensed attorney, and I understand legal process.

I. 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.

ZERO

I also certify the following:

J. 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

K. My normal hourly rate is \$ 90. My hourly rate to serve as Parenting Investigator/ Guardian ad Litem by stipulation and agreement is \$ 75.

On rotational draw cases, my hourly rate is \$75.00 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

L. 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

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

AGREE DISAGREE

N. 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 X DISAGREE _____

O. 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 X DISAGREE _____

P. 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 X DISAGREE _____

Q. 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 X DISAGREE _____

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

AGREE X DISAGREE _____

If you disagree for **any** answer above (J-R), please explain in full:

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.

Kay Bratton
Signature

3/3/09
Date of signing

KAY BRATTON
Print Name

TACOMA WA
Place of signing

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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.

3/1/2009
Date

Kay Bratta
Signature

KAY BRATTON

EDUCATION

2000-2006 (part-time student) Seattle University Law School Seattle, WA.
J.D. '06

- Diversity Scholarship recipient two academic years

1993- 2000 (part-time student) University of Puget Sound Tacoma, WA
B.A. '00 English Major, Art minor.

- Graduated with Honors

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Cali Award~ First in Law school class "Law, Language and Literature."

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 12/2007- present Document review Attorney, EDAT (Electronic Discovery And Technology) practice group of K&L Gates, Seattle, WA.
- Conducting EDiscovery analysis of documents for high profile litigation.
- Conducting hard copy document review, culling for production at trial.
- Trained on several software programs for conducting Ediscovery, able to use them to review and redact documents, sort and designate documents by type for the trial team and create descriptions for privilege logs.
- 8/2006-7/2008 Consultant, Rigos Professional Education Programs
- Editing and writing course materials for Bar exam preparation.
- Grading practice essays and mentoring Rigos Review students.
Contact: Jim Rigos, President of Rigos Bar Review at jim@rigos.net

REFERENCES

Judge Richard F. McDermott, King County Superior Court,
Richard.McDermott@METROK.COV

Suzanne Thomas, Partner, Employment Law Practice Group of K&L
Gates, suzanne.thomas@klgates.com

Deann Ketchum, Registrar, Argosy University/Seattle,
deannketchum@hotmail.com

Certificate of Completion
King County Bar Association

KAY BRATTON

**2009 Title 26 Family Law
Guardian ad Litem Initial Training**

January 29, 30 and 31, 2009

This educational program meets the requirements for initial training made effective January 1, 2007 by the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts under RCW 2.56.030 (15) for Title 26 Family Law Guardians ad Litem.

Approved for 21.50 General and 1.00 Ethics for a total of 22.50 CLE Credits (approval # 221 755)



Roxanne Mennes, KCBA CLE Director