

RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
TITLE 11 GUARDIAN AD LITEM REGISTRY

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This application is for Guardians ad Litem currently serving on the Pierce County Superior Court Title 11 Guardian ad Litem Registry.

THIS IS PUBLIC INFORMATION

This is my **renewal** application to serve as a Guardian ad Litem in Pierce County, State of Washington as required under Title 11. 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: 03/20/09 Signature: Karla Cain

WSBA # and Year Admitted: N/A

Printed Name: Kal Anne

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Bilingual: \_\_\_\_\_ If so, in what language(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the date, county and sponsor where you are enrolled for the one day mandatory training (only approved training qualifies): \_\_\_\_\_, 2009  
DATE COUNTY/SPONSOR

Please include the dates and sponsor of the initial two day training that you previously completed:

Training Sponsored by: (Name) Whatcom County Bar Association  
(Address) 2000 Harbor Loop Drive  
(County) Bellingham (Dates) May 8, 2009  
(Phone) (360) 676-6777

**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 11.88 Guardian ad Litem 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 Guardian ad Litem and the county or counties of appointment during the last Registry year, 7/1/08 to 3/20/09:

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**C.** Percentage of your total case load that RCW 11.88 Guardian ad Litem work represents overall: 17%

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 X. If **yes**, please explain.

**F.** Evidence of your knowledge, training, and experience, in the following areas, pursuant to RCW 11.88.090 (3) (b) (I). You must complete **in full** the information requested below, in the space provided, in addition to attaching a required resume or vitae. However, answers that only refer to a resume or vitae are **not** acceptable.

1) The number of times you have been removed for failure to perform duties as Guardian ad Litem. For each removal, give a brief explanation, with the county, case name, cause number, and attach all relevant documents from the court file along with a copy of the court order. **NONE**

2) Please list all other trainings you have attended, the month/year attended and the materials covered in each training you attended. Please see attached list of CEUs  
FOR 2008 I have attended: ① monthly MS/ICM Provider Training  
② First Steps Regionals 1/2/08 ③ Child Protective Training 1/25/08 (5 hrs) ④ Health Consort  
⑤ Children's Justice Conference (16 hrs) ⑥ GAL Training (8 hrs) 4/3/08 5 1/2 hrs.  
I also certify the following: ⑦ Solution Based Casework 11/21/08 2 hrs.

**G.** I will successfully complete the Guardian ad Litem training required by the Pierce County Superior Court and under the laws of the State of Washington (only approved

training qualifies) under the laws of the State of Washington and immediately submit my Certificate of Attendance.

AGREE  DISAGREE \_\_\_\_\_

H. My normal hourly rate is \$ 140.00. My hourly rate to serve as Guardian ad Litem in guardianships is \$ 140.00.

I. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

AGREE  DISAGREE \_\_\_\_\_

K. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

L. I have read and understand the applicability to me and agree to be bound and governed by the Pierce County Superior Court Administrative Policy #3 for the Title 11 Guardian ad Litem Registry.

AGREE  DISAGREE \_\_\_\_\_

M. I have read, signed, returned and understand the applicability to me of the Pierce County Superior Court Administrative Policy #4 Title 11 Guardian ad Litem. Code of Conduct and agree to be bound and governed by the Code of Conduct.

AGREE  DISAGREE \_\_\_\_\_

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

AGREE  DISAGREE \_\_\_\_\_

If you disagree for any above (G-N) please explain in full:



**POLICY 4**

**PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT .  
RCW 11.88 GUARDIAN AD LITEM  
CODE OF CONDUCT**

All 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 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 Guardian ad Litem shall maintain the ethical principles of their 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, of the 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. Once admitted to the RCW 11.88 Registry, all Guardian ad Litem's shall fully comply with all continuing education requirements established under Pierce County Local Rules and GALR, as amended.
8. The Guardian ad Litem shall report to D.S.H.S. and the court, any adult abuse as defined in RCW 74.34.020(2).

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

03/20/2009  
Date

Karla Carr  
Signature

# Karla A. Cain M.Ed., LMHC

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## **Objective**

Approval for the Pierce County Superior Court RCW 11.88 2009/2010 GAL Registry

## **Professional Experience**

1995 – Present	Director/Owner, ANSWERS Counseling, Consultation & Case Management Services Pierce & Kitsap County, Washington State
1989 – 1997	Primary FRS Therapist, Catholic Community Services Pierce & Kitsap County, Washington State
1990 – 1995	Social Worker, Department of Social & Health Services Pierce County, Washington State
1988 – 1989	Job Services Specialist Counselor, Department of Employment Security Pierce County, Washington State
1984 – 1988	Investigative Social Worker, Division of Children & Family Services Pierce & Kitsap County, Washington State
1982 – 1984	Job Services Interviewer, Department of Employment Security Pierce County, Washington State

## **Education**

- Masters of Education, Guidance and Counseling
- Bachelor of Arts, Sociology
- Certificates of Completion, Division of Children & Family Services Academy

## **Professional Affiliations**

- Washington Mental Health Counselors Association
- National Counselors Association
- Washington State First Steps Advisory Board
- Pierce County MSS/ICM Providers Group
- Tacoma Pierce County Child Protective Panel Member
- Pierce County Superior Court GAL (11.88) Roster Member
- Washington State Licensed Mental Health Counselor

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**Karla A; Cain, M.Ed., LMHC**

**Guardian ad Litem for the**

**County of Pierce**

**Philosophy, Methods and Techniques Used:** I view myself as a family centered therapist/Social Worker and utilize a motivational interviewing model. I believe that all individuals have strengths and I begin the investigation with this concept. My approach is respectful, non-judgmental and client driven.

**Qualifications:** I have earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and a Master's in Guidance and Counseling. I am a Washington State Licensed Mental Health Therapist and a Superior Court Guardian ad Litem. In addition, I am a member of the Washington State Counseling Coalition, American Counseling Association, panel member of a Pierce County Child Protective Team and sit on the State of Washington First Steps Advisory Board. I have worked full-time in the field of social work and counseling since 1982. I have experience working for Superior Court (Guardian ad Litem services), Division of Children and Family Services, including children's Protective Services, Family Reconciliation Services and Adolescent Services. I have also worked for the Department of Employment Security, Department of Social and Health Services and Catholic Community Services; Family Preservation Program's.

I presently own and operate ANSWERS; Counseling, Consultation and Case Management Services. My duties include therapy, supervision, social work, administrative and Guardian ad Litem services. Please see attached continuing education credits.

**GAL Statement of Qualifications**

I attest to the court that I have the requisite knowledge, training and expertise to **perform the** 11.88 Guardian ad **Litem** duties. I qualify under RCW 11.88.020 as I am over the age of 18, of sound mind, and have never been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. I am a resident of the state of Washington and am otherwise a person whom the court should find suitable. I am an active, licensed practicing mental health **therapist** and I also qualify under RCW 11.92.010 as a Guardian ad **Litem**.

I will attend the Guardian ad **Litem** training on May 8, 2009 as approved by King, **Kitsap**, Pierce, Snohomish, and Thurston County superior Courts; and my practical experience and my practice continue to involve guardianship matters. My GAL fees are billed at a rate of \$140.00 per hour.

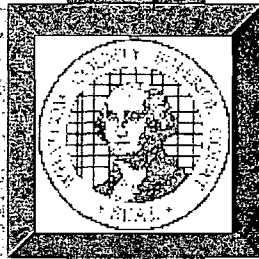
Signature:  Date: March 20, 2009



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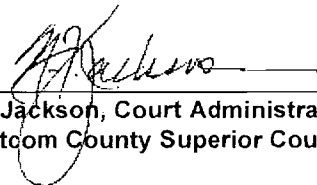
Certificate of Completion

Annual Title 11 Guardian ad Litem Training, May 8, 2009



**Karla Cain**

has satisfactorily completed the annual training requirements for  
Title 11 Guardians ad Litem.



N.F. Jackson, Court Administrator  
Whatcom County Superior Court