

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

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: 02/27/09 Signature: [Signature]

WSBA # and Year Admitted: 5419 1973

Printed Name: JAMES A CATHCART

Business Address: PO BOX 64697

City: UNIVERSITY PLACE State: WA Zip Code: 98467

E-Mail Address: JACATHCART@COMCAST.NET

Business Telephone Number: 253 576-8525] FAX: 1-800-861-3176

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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THIS PART OF THE APPLICATION IS PUBLIC INFORMATION

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:

2007

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:

41

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.

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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 _____

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

AGREE jac DISAGREE _____

I. 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 jac DISAGREE _____

J. 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/Guardian ad Litem Certified Registry.

AGREE jac DISAGREE _____

K. 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.

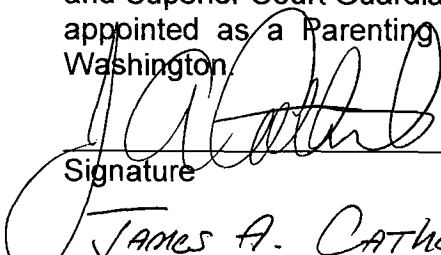
AGREE jac DISAGREE _____

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

AGREE jac DISAGREE _____

If you disagree for any answer (G-L), please explain in full:

I certify that I have thoroughly studied the provisions and requirements of Title 26 and Superior Court Guardian ad Litem Rules and believe I am fully qualified to be appointed as a Parenting Investigator/ Guardian ad Litem in Pierce County, Washington.

 Signature	<u>02/27/09</u> Date of signing
<u>JAMES A. CATHCART</u> Print Name	<u>University Place WA 98467</u> Place of signing

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POLICY 2

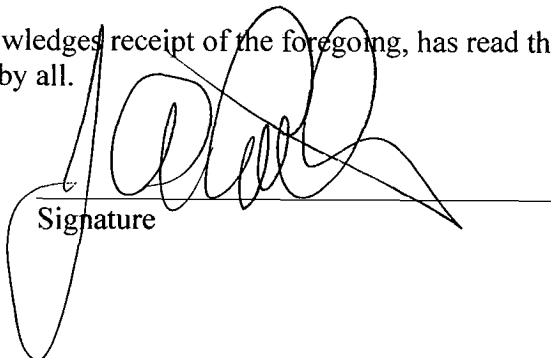
**PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
RCW 26.09.220 AND RCW 26.12.175
PARENTING INVESTIGATOR/GUARDIAN AD LITEM CODE OF CONDUCT**

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.

02/27/09
Date


Signature



Washington State Bar Association

Sunday, February 22, 2009

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Reporting Period 2008-2010

Note: To be considered compliant, you must certify this online information by submitting your signed original MCLE Board declaration (C2/C3) form at the end of this three-year reporting period.

Member Name: James Aldon Cathcart

WSBA Bar #: 5419

2005-2007 **Add Activity**

Delete	Act ID	Title	Sponsor	Location	Start Date	End Date	Eth. Live	Eth. AV	Gen. AV	Gen Live	Edit Credits
Delete	194106	Family Law Attorney Roundtable (In-House Gov)	Pierce County Superior Court	Tacoma, WA	02/21/2008	02/21/2008	0.00	-	-	1.00	Edit
Delete	194108	CPS (In-House Gov)	Pierce County Superior Court	Tacoma, WA	03/20/2008	03/20/2008	0.00	-	-	1.00	Edit
Delete	199961	In-Service Expanding the Mediator's Toolbox (In-House Other)	Pierce County Center for Dispute Resolut	Tacoma, WA	03/11/2008	03/11/2008	0.00	-	-	2.00	Edit
Delete	201078	Investigation (In-House Gov)	Pierce County Superior Court	Tacoma, WA	05/15/2008	05/15/2008	0.00	-	-	1.00	Edit
Delete	202357	2008 Family Law Midyear Meeting and Seminar	WSBA CLE	Vancouver, WA	06/20/2008	06/22/2008	2.00	-	-	11.75	Edit
Delete	203552	2008 Courthouse Facilitator Training in Conjunction with ATJ Conference (In-House Gov)	Administrative Office of the Courts AOC	Vancouver, WA	06/06/2008	06/06/2008	0.00	-	-	4.50	Edit
Delete	211104	Child Abuse and Neglect (In-House Gov)	Pierce County Superior Court	Tacoma, WA	10/16/2008	10/16/2008	0.00	-	-	1.00	Edit
Total from 2008-2010 Reporting Period							2	0	0	22.25	
Carryover from Previous Reporting Period							1	0	0	14	
Total Credits							3	0	0	36.25	
Total Ethics Credits & General Credits							3		36.25		
Grand Total Reported Credits							39.25				

	Ethics	Live	Total
Credits Required for Compliance	6	22.5	45
Credits Remaining for Compliance	3	0	5.75

To ADD a course, click on the ADD APPROVED ACTIVITIES button and Search for the course you attended. If the course is not in the database, you may fill out a Form 1 Application for course approval after the search is complete. Members must add to their own roster of attendance all self-study ... etc.

Activities with a LIGHT BLUE background have been automatically flagged as potential duplicate records. Until this issue is resolved, these credits cannot be applied to reporting period credit totals or credit compliance. To confirm that these activities are not duplicates, please send an e-mail message to questions@wsba.org, specifying your name, bar number and the activity ID numbers at issue.

Activities with an ORANGE background do not contribute to the reporting period credit totals because there are no credits recorded for those activities. Attendance credits are recorded as zero for all Form 1's submitted by members prior to the start date of the course, or because the daily credit limit and/or

moot court credit limit has been reached. You may only edit activities that have not reached credit limits.

Pro bono service credit activities with a YELLOW background do not contribute to the credit totals because at least 2 credits from activities marked as pro bono training were not earned during the same calendar year. (See APR 11.2(a)(4) and APR 11 Regulation 103(f))

Moot court activities with a GREEN background have had the number of credits in them reduced because moot court credit limit of 6 credits per reporting period was reached. If the number of moot court credits recorded in the roster has been reduced since then, please edit some of these activities to increase the number of moot credits recorded in the roster. (See APR 11.2(a)(5) and APR 11 Regulation 103(g))

Activities with a ROSE background have had the number of credits in them reduced because the 8 credit per day limit was reached. (See APR 11 Regulation 103(c))

Credit Requirement Fulfilled	No
C2 Declaration Signed	No
C2 Date Received	-
C2 Data Complete?	Not Yet
Courses Taken After Period End?	No
Late Fee Assessed	\$0
Late Fee Waiver Amount	\$0
Late Fee Balance Due	No fee owed.
Late Fee Paid	\$0
Compliant for Period	Due 2/1/2011

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COMMENTS ON PAYMENT ISSUES

- 1 3RD party custodians have paid their share of the Court-ordered balance but
mother and father have not and won't. Not worth pursuing.
- 2 Mother and Father ordered to pay 50% of balance in final decree. No payment as
yet.
- 3 Companion case with Wilson-Kilby (07-3-03565-5) Pending motion for order to
allocate responsibility for balance.
- 4 Decree of 3rd party custody allocated responsibility for balance. 3rd party
custodian has paid 50% and other 50% should arrive shortly.
- 5 Order entered at hearing after report filed allocated responsibility for balance.
Father has paid and mother has paid most with remainder due this month.
- 6 Additional \$750 in registry from father as ordered but no order directing clerk to
pay it to me so I have to hassle pro se and attorney for order. This little admin
issue causes frequent problems for me that take time to solve.
- 7 Pending motion for order approving balance and allocating responsibility.
- 8 Order signed by Court provided for \$500 retainer and no one in Court or admin
could explain to me how it would get printed out by the commissioner or why he
would sign it that way. Once parties decided that they would actually proceed I
didn't want the hassle of trying to get the other \$250 up front so I did the work
and am pending filing a motion for the balance.
- 9 Pending motion for order approving and allocating balance.
- 10 Decree allocated balance 50/50. Dad has paid and mom pending. I don't
anticipate a problem.
- 11 Retainer was 50% by respondent/petitioning party and 50% county pay.
Current statement submitted, approved for additional \$375 by county
contingent on funds at end of grant period. Resp. ordered to pay balance
with little chance of collection.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Of

JAMES A. CATHCART

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name: James A. Cathcart
Address: PO Box 64697, University Place WA 98464
Cell Phone: 253 576-8525
Email: jacathcart@comcast.net

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Date of Birth: September 28, 1943
Place of Birth: Altadena CA
Citizenship: U.S.
Sex: M

OPTIONAL PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Marital Status: Married
Spouse's Name: Barbara
Children: 2 Daughters

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

September 1966 – May 1993, United States Marine Corps
June 1993 – March 2008, Associate and Shareholder, Morton McGoldrick P.S., Tacoma.
March 2008 – Present, Independent Arbitrator/Mediator & GAL

I graduated from Oregon State University with a BS in Business in 1966 and immediately entered active duty in the United States Marine Corps. After a tour in Vietnam I attended the University of Washington law school on a Marine program and then spent most of the remainder of my 27 years in the Corps as a judge advocate, retiring as a Colonel in 1993. While serving as the Staff Judge Advocate for Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune NC in 1990-91 I was appointed a Special Assistant United States Attorney for North Carolina.

Joining Morton McGoldrick in 1993, my practice was mainly Family Law with some general civil litigation and military law as well. I did both trial and appellate work. I have given many CLE presentations on military retirement issues

as well as the Servicemember's Civil Relief Act and other legal issues involving the military.

I have been a member of the Family Law Executive Committee for the WSBA Family Law Section since fall 2007.

I have served as a volunteer mediator with the Pierce County Center for Dispute Resolution since 2005 and as an independent arbitrator/mediator and GAL since retiring from Morton McGoldrick in 2008.

EDUCATION:

- 1961, Graduate, West Valley HS, Spokane WA
- 1966, Graduate, BS in Business, Oregon State University
- 1973, Graduate, JD, University of Washington School of Law
- 1974, Career Prosecutor Course, National College of District Attorneys. Bates School of Law, University of Houston
- 1981 Graduate Course, The Judge Advocate General's School of the United States Army, Charlottesville VA
- 1983 Executive Prosecutor's Course, National College of District Attorneys. Bates School of Law, University of Houston
- 1989 U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks PA

1973-1989: Various NITA and Military sponsored courses on forensics, interviews of witnesses, child sex abuse cases, and other professional subjects.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

- Member, WSBA, October 1973 – Present
- Admitted: U.S. Supreme Court
- Admitted: U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington
- Member, Family Law Section, WSBA
- Member, Family Law Executive Committee 2007-2010
- Faculty, WSBA Family Law Section Annual Meeting, June 2007

GAL QUALIFICATIONS

My wife and I raised two daughters, both of whom are successful professionals now. During my Marine service I attended a number of courses on child abuse and child legal issues as well as both defending and prosecuting cases involving child victims or child witnesses. During my 15 years as a family law attorney in Washington I represented both mothers and fathers in a great many cases involving virtually every issue that can arise dealing with the custody, parenting, and parentage of children. I have had the opportunity in those cases to confer with experts on child development issues as well as on a wide range of other issues involving minor children.

I have attended the required GAL training as well as a significant number of Continuing Legal Education courses covering children's issues among other topics. My service on the Family Law Executive Committee for the WSBA Family Law Section keeps me involved in both legislative and legal issues involving children of families undergoing dissolution, separation, or other crisis.

Signed this 27th day of February 2009



James A. Cathart