

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

**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: 3/18/09 Signature: J. Alece Cox

WSBA # and Year Admitted: 13460, 1983

Printed Name: J. Alece Cox

Business Address: 8849 Pacific Avenue

City: Tacoma State: WA Zip Code: 98444

E-Mail Address: jalececox@hotmail.com

Business Telephone Number: 253-535-2211 FAX: 253-535-2216

Bilingual: No 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): April 24, 2009 King County Bar Association  
DATE COUNTY/SPONSOR

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

Training Sponsored by: (Name) King County Bar Association

(Address) 120 Fifth Avenue, Suite 600, Seattle, WA

(County) King (Dates) \*May 1996

\*As best I can tell from my records it was **1996** or **1997**.

(Phone) (206) 267-7004

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.

I believe the first year that I served on the RCW 11.88 panel was 1996. Since my appointment to the panel there has been no break in service.

**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:

Based on my records, from July 1, 2008 through the present time, I have been appointed guardian ad litem in the following cases: six appointments in guardianship proceedings; two appointments as settlement guardian ad litem; one Title 4 litigation guardian ad litem appointment in a third party custody matter; and eight appointments in probate matters. All of my appointments have been in Pierce County.

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

Four to five percent.

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

Please see attached Washington State Patrol Conviction Criminal History 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.

Since 2005, I have attended the following CLEs:  
May 2005 – Title 11 GAL Training;  
May 2005 – Family Law Update;  
November 2005 – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Guardianship Seminar;  
January 2006 – Elder Law at the Crossroads;  
March 2006 – Guardianship Proposed Changes;  
April 2006 – Casemaker Research Database;  
May 2006 – Title 11 GAL Training;  
October 2006 – Proper Care and Feeding of the Parenting Investigator;  
November 2006 – 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Guardianship Seminar;  
December 2006 – Judicial Skit Night;  
January 2007 – Mastering PowerPoint ;  
April 2007 – Guardianship Committee;  
May 2007 – Title 11 GAL Training;  
May 2007 – Trial Storytelling Workshop;  
July 2007 – Strategies and Solutions for Meeting the Challenge;  
September 2007 – Guardianship of Marshall;  
October 2007 – Collaborative Law & Guardianship Practice;  
November 2007 – 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Guardianship Seminar;  
February 2008 – Vulnerable Adult Protection Orders;  
May 2008 – Title 11 GAL Training;  
May 2008 – Payment of Fees and the New Cap Fee; and  
March 2009 – The Sixth Annual Trust and Estate Litigation Seminar.

**I also certify the following:**

**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 \$230-\$250. My hourly rate to serve as Guardian ad Litem in guardianships is \$195.

**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 X 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 X 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 X DISAGREE \_\_\_\_\_

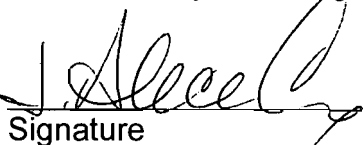
**N.** I have completed in full, signed and attached the confidential supplement to this renewal application .

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

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

Does not apply.

I certify that I have thoroughly studied the provisions and requirements of Title 11 and believe I am fully qualified to be appointed as Guardian Ad Litem for Guardianships in Pierce County, Washington.

  
Signature

March 16, 2009  
Date of signing

J. Alece Cox  
Print Name

TACOMA WA  
Place of signing

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**POLICY 4**

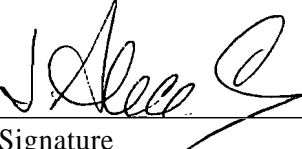
**PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
RCW 11.88 GUARDIAN AD LITEM  
CODE OF CONDUCT**

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.

3-18-2009  
Date

  
Signature

RESUME OF J. ALECE COX  
Counsell, Murphy & Cox., P.S.  
8849 Pacific Avenue  
Tacoma, WA 98444

Employment:

Counsell, Murphy & Cox, P.S., Tacoma, Washington, 1990 to present time. Attorney/partner. Areas of practice include family law, guardianships, probate, personal injury, litigation and other general areas of law.

Hendricks & Lewis, P.S., Seattle, Washington, 1986 - 1990. Associate. Areas of practice included civil litigation and family law.

Carney, Stephenson, Badley, Smith, Mueller & Spellman, P.S., Seattle, Washington, 1983 - 1986. Associate. Areas of practice included civil litigation, business and legislative.

Eastside Community Mental Health Center, Bellevue, Washington, 1974 to 1980. Assistant Director, Intermediate Care Division and Coordinator of Elderly Services Project and Developmentally Disabled Program. Responsibilities included program management, staff training and supervision, clinical services, and community relations and consultation. Client population ranged from young adults to senior citizens of multi-ethnic backgrounds.

Degrees:

Seattle University School of Law (formerly University of Puget Sound School of Law), J.D., 1983

San Francisco State University, M.A., Educational Counseling, 1974

University of California, Berkeley, A.B., Psychology, Phi Beta Kappa, 1972

Professional Associations and Memberships:

Bar Admissions:

State of Washington, 1983

United States District Court, Western District of

Washington, 1983

United States District Court, Eastern District of  
Washington, 1983

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit,  
1987

Memberships:

Washington State Bar Association

Pierce County Bar Association

# ***Certificate of Completion***

**King County Bar Association**

**J. Alece Cox**

**2009 Washington State  
RCW 11.88.090 Guardianship  
Guardian ad Litem Training**

**Re-Certification  
April 24, 2009**

April 24, 2009: 5.50 General & 1.00 Ethics for a Total of 6.50 CLE Credits Approved (approval # 227 029)  
5.75 Certified Professional Guardian Credits Approved for April 24, 2009 (4.75 General & 1.00 Ethics)



Roxanne Mennes, Education Director, King County Bar Association