

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

This application is for Guardians ad Litem who are not currently serving on the Pierce County Superior Court Title 11 Guardian ad Litem Registry.

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This is my 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 application is true and correct.

Date Signed: 2.15.09 Signature: Karen Darrin
WSBA # and Year Admitted: DNA

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: _____

Printed Name: Karen Darrin

Business Address: 1523 MORRIS Ave South

city: Renton State: WA Zip Code: 98055

Business Telephone Number: 425.277.6009 FAX: 425.277.4660

E-Mail Address: Karend@caresolutions11e.com

Bilingual: DNA If so, in what language(s): _____

Please indicate the county, date and location where you are enrolled for the two day mandatory training (only approved training qualifies) if not completed by the application closing date, **March 20, 2009**:

Training Sponsored by: (Name) KCBA
(Address) _____
(County) Kina (Dates) April, 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:

Diploma of Nursing (3 year) 1971
certification in Case Management ▽ Professional RN 2001
Certification in Care Management ▽ Professional RN 2001

B. Please list all trainings you have attended, the sponsor, month/year attended and the materials covered in each training that relate to Title 11 Guardian ad Litem statutory duties. Attach all Certificates of Attendance/Completion.

Certificate of Completion, KCBA 2008 GAL Recertification training May 14, 2008
Certificate for Professional Guardian
July 9, 2007

C. Number of years' experience as a Guardian ad Litem under RCW 11.88.090: 7 years

1) List year and all counties where you first served on any certified RCW 11.88.090 Guardian ad Litem Registry.

King County GAL Registry 2002, ~~(2003, 2004)~~
Pierce County GAL Registry 2002

2) List each year and all counties where you have been appointed to serve on a RCW 11.88.090 Guardian ad Litem Registry.

King County Registry: 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007
~~2008, 2009~~

Pierce County Registry: 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007,

D. Number of appointments you have received as a Guardian ad Litem and all counties of appointment during the last Registry year, 7/1/08 to 3/1/09, if served on any other county Guardian ad Litem Registry:

King County Registry: ~~2~~ 3
Pierce County Registry: ~~2~~ 0

E. Percentage of your total case load that Title 11 Guardian ad Litem work represents overall:

2%

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: see copy³ attached

G. 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.

H. Evidence of your knowledge, training, and experience, in the following areas, pursuant to RCW 11.88.090 (3) (b) | 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) The needs of impaired elderly:

As a professional care manager, my professional work relates to the older adult population. Professionally RN care management involves assessing the impaired elderly to provide recommendations for services, medical support and

2) Understanding of issues surrounding abuse and neglect of the elderly:

As a professional RN I provide in-depth assessments of many older adults. During the assessment review of one's ability to care for one's self and appearance is a crucial part of the review. Evaluating the emotional aspects of

3) The needs of persons with physical disabilities:

There are a number of times I have been involved in assessments of those who have physical disabilities. I provide home assessments to review accessibility. In individuals who have life long disabilities I often

4) The needs of persons with mental illness:

My professional experience includes working with those who have diagnosis of depression, substance abuse

5) The needs of persons with developmental disabilities:

I have had multiple experiences working with DD. I am aware of the department and resources for this population. I have provided assessments and

6) Other areas relevant to the needs of incapacitated persons:

In 2008 I became a certified professional guardian. I also have been involved in many continuing education seminars to

7) Legal procedures and Guardian ad Litem requirements of RCW 11.88:

I have remained current with the RCBA GAR training since 2002. I also take seminars involved in any new legal information.

8) The number of times you have been removed for failure to adequately perform your duties as Guardian ad Litem or for 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.

None

I also certify the following:

I. I will successfully complete the two day mandatory Guardian ad Litem 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 _____

J. My normal hourly rate is \$ 180. My hourly rate to serve as Guardian ad Litem in guardianships is \$ 150.

K. 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 _____

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

AGREE DISAGREE _____

M. 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 _____

N. 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 DISAGREE _____

O. 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 Certified Registry.

AGREE X DISAGREE _____

P. 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 _____

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

AGREE X DISAGREE _____

Note: If you disagree for **any** answer above (I-Q), please explain in full.

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.

Karen Darrin

Signature

2.15.09

Date of signing

Karen Darrin

Print Name

Renton, 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.

5.1.09

Date

Karen Garrison

Signature

Karen Darrin RN, CCM

1523 Morris Ave. So
Renton, WA 98055
karend@caresolutionsllc.com
425-277-6009/425-277-4660 fax

Objective

Families, patients, and concerned parties will be provided with honest, direct information. Personalized and effective coordination will be provided to promote positive results from the recommended plans.

Experience

2000-current Care Solutions Renton, WA

Professional Geriatric Care Manager

Private care management for the older adult. Assessments for plan of care. Review of medical, psychosocial, legal, and financial issues. Resources and guidance to provide client and family support in making appropriate and safe choices. Guardian ad Litem services.

2001-2004 PacMed Clinics Seattle, WA

Case Manager/Care Manager

Case management related to retired military HMO benefit. Case management with care coordination with complex number of clients. Utilization review, disease management

1996-2000 Sound Options. Inc. Tacoma, WA

Care Manager

Comprehensive assessment and management of care issues for a variety of age groups. Written assessments included individualized care plan for the clients' needs documented from their medical, psychological, social, functional and legal history.

1996 NurseFinders of Puget Sound Seattle, WA

Home Health Case Manager

Skilled Nursing visits for Medicare/private pay clients
Supervisory visits to oversee caregivers and plan of care.

1996-1998 Highline Community Hospital Tukwila, WA

Staff member for Specialty Center for Ventilator Patients

Specialized care in the newest model of treatment for ventilator patient with catastrophic injury illness. Complex care of wounds and infections.

1975-1996 Valley Medical Center Renton, WA

Critical Care Nurse

Extensive training in coronary and intensive care.
Assisted MD's with invasive procedures: heart catheterizations, ICP monitoring, balloon pump management, intubation and cardioversions.
ACLS transports for open heart surgery.
Discharge planning, supervision of team members as well as staff training.

Education

1968-1971 Good Samaritan School of Nursing Portland, Ore

Diploma of Nursing

Continuing education through each area of clinical experience

Certified Care Manager, **CMC**/ Certified Case Manager, **CCM**/ CPR-First Aid Certified

Miscellaneous

Member: CMSA/NAPGCM Guardian ad Litem King Co.

Professional Certified Guardian #10708

State of Washington Supreme Court

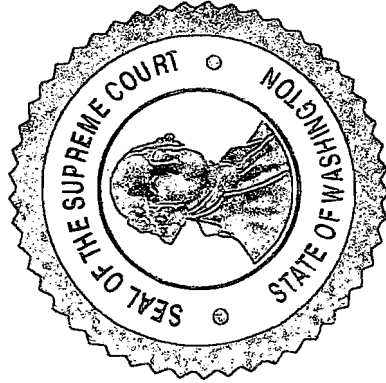
The Professional Guardian Board certifies that Karen I. Darrin made application to act as a Certified Professional Guardian and has successfully fulfilled the requirements set forth in General Rule 23.

In the last session of the Supreme Court of the State of Washington, *Karen I. Darrin* was certified by the Supreme Court to care for individuals who have been adjudicated as incapacitated.

By order of this Court, dated July 9, 2007

Karen I. Darrin

is admitted as a Certified Professional Guardian CPG #10708
for the state of Washington



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald R. Carpenter". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Ronald R. Carpenter, Clerk

Certificate of Completion

King County Bar Association

Karen Darrin

**2008 Washington State
RCW 11.88.090 Guardianship Guardian ad Litem Training
Re-Certification, May 16, 2008**

5.50 General & 1.00 Ethics for a Total of 6.50 CLE Credits Approved (approval #200 733)

5.50 CPG Credits Approved: 5.00 General & .50 Ethics



Roxanne Mennes, King County Bar Association CLE Director

Certificate of Completion

King County Bar Association

Karen Darrin

**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