

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: 3-19-09 Signature: [Signature]

WSBA # and Year Admitted: 12314 1982

Printed Name: Steve Downing

[ ] Business Address: 802 N 2nd Street

[ ] City: TACOMA State: WA Zip Code: 98403

[ ] E-Mail Address: stevchill@AOL.com

[ ] Business Telephone Number: 572-8338 [ ] FAX: 572-8460

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

Please list all trainings attended during the past year: (include Date, Sponsor, and Topic)

- 10-16 Child Abuse Sup Ct
- 10-15 Dom Partnership Fam Law Sec
- 10-10 Fam Law - how stinks TPCBA
- 11-19 View from Bench TPCBA

**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 26.09 Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem Certified Registry in **Pierce County**. Please list any years where there was a break in service:

1986 No break in service

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:

see attached LINX printout

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

10%

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 . 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.

None

**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  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  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  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.

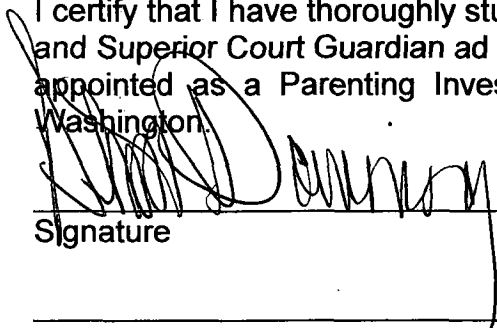
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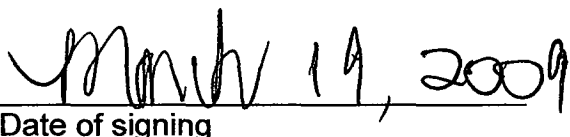
L. I have completed in full, signed and attached the confidential supplement to this renewal application.

AGREE  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

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of signing

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Place of signing

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**POLICY 2**

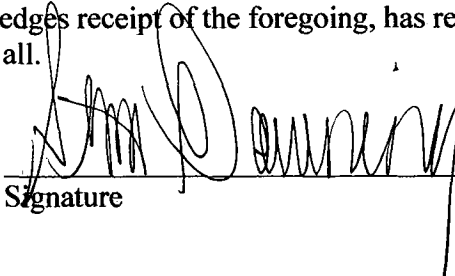
**PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
RCW 26.09.220 AND RCW 26.12.175  
PARENTING INVESTIGATOR/GUARDIAN AD LITEM CODE OF CONDUCT**

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.

3-30-09  
Date

  
Signature

RESUME

STEVE DOWNING  
802 North Second Street  
Tacoma, Washington 98403  
Home: 564-7673/Work: 572-8338

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

ATTORNEY AT LAW

August 1983 - Present Private practice. Family, Juvenile, Contract, Probate and Personal Injury law. Also serve as a Mediator, Arbitrator, Parenting Investigator, Guardian ad Litem for domestic and guardianship cases.

1991 - June 1996 Judge and Commissioner Pro Tem

May 1982 - August 1983 Pierce County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney  
946 Tacoma Avenue South, Tacoma, WA 98402

January 1978 - May 1980 Intern: Trial Deputy, arraignments, sentencings, public relations, authored office procedures manual, supervision of interns.

CHILDREN'S INDUSTRIAL HOME

July 1976 - May 1979 I have been a child care counselor for a number of years through Children's Industrial Home and work with emotionally disturbed children from ages eight through eighteen. I was also a family counselor for three years through Home on the Hill and served as assistant director to the Puget Sound Center, a drug and alcohol rehabilitation in-patient program for adolescent males ages 14 to 20. I was involved in family and group therapy. At Arizona Training Program at Tucson, I taught basic living skills and symbol sign language to the profoundly and mildly retarded adults.

EDUCATION:

1971 - 1975 University of Arizona BA  
Tucson, Arizona

1975 - 1979 University of Arizona MPA  
Tucson, Arizona

1976 - 1979 Puget Sound Law School JD  
Tacoma, Washington

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

1986 - 1995	City of Tacoma Civil Service Board. President of the National Association of Civil Service Commissioners, Western Regional offices.
1992 - 1993	President of the Family Law Section Pierce County Bar Association
1990 - Present	Guardian ad Litem Panel and Trainer
1971 - 1991	March of Dimes, Executive Board and Board of Directors
1988 - 1991	Children's Industrial Home Board of Directors
1982 - Present	Fernhill Masonic Lodge No. 80 Afifi Shrine Temple