

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: 3/19/09 signature: Sue Freeborn

WSBA # and Year Admitted: #13863 Admitted 1983

Printed Name: Sue Freeborn

[] Business Address: 33516 9th Ave S #6

[] City: Federal Way State: WA Zip Code: 98003

[] E-Mail Address: Freeborn52@comcast.net

[] Business Telephone Number: 206-799-3017 [] FAX: 253-941-8499

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): April 2, 2009 Tri County - King Co Bar Assoc
DATE COUNTY/SPONSOR

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

Training Sponsored by: (Name) Kitsap + King County

(Address) 1200 5th Ave, Seattle, WA

(County) Kitsap + King (Dates) 2008 + 1991-2007 (King)

(Phone) 206 - 267 - 7099 (King)

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

THIS PART OF THE APPLICATION IS PUBLIC INFORMATION

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.

Service began approximately 1998 and has been continuous

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 31/2010:

King County: 8 (including 5 GAL, Title #1 + adoption)
Pierce County: 3

C. Percentage of your total case load that RCW 11.88 Guardian ad Litem work represents overall: 40%

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: _____

See attached - no criminal history

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. 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.

See attached. Information too lengthy for this space.
Most recent is: May 2006, 2007 + 2008 mandatory CLE training for GAL'S offered through Pierce, King + Kitsap county

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 \$ 225. My hourly rate to serve as Guardian ad Litem in guardianships is \$ 225.

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:

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.

<u>Sue Fu</u>	<u>3/19/09</u>
Signature	Date of signing
<u>Sue Fraeborn</u>	<u>Federal Way, WA</u>
Print Name	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.

3/19/09
Date


Signature

SUE ELLEN FREEBORN
33516 9th Ave. S. #6
Federal Way, Washington 98023
(206) 799-3017

Education: University of Puget Sound
Juris Doctor, 1983

Antioch University
Master of Psychology 1995

Willamette University
Bachelor of Science, 1979

Admission to Practice: Washington State Supreme Court, 1983
U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington, 1983
Washington Licensed Mental Health Counselor 1997

Employment:

2003-present Samaritan Counseling Center. Counselor for a broad range of clients working with depression, life-style changes, teenager issues. AAA mediation Certification, mediating miscellaneous issues

1991-Present Freeborn Law Offices, P.S.: Legal areas of practice include guardianships, probate, and mental health law. Judicial pro tem for multiple cities throughout the Puget Sound.

1996-2003 Marine View Counseling Center: Counselor for Marine View Presbyterian Church. Primary areas of counseling include individuals, teenagers and couples. Seminars conducted for counselors and agencies regarding counseling and the law. Teaching multiple parenting and marriage classes.

1986-1991 Cromwell, Mendoza, & Belur, P.S.: Associate in five attorney general practice firm. Primary areas of emphasis included criminal misdemeanor defense, landlord/tenant and employment issues.

This statement is presented pursuant to RCW 11.88.090(3)(b)(I).

A. Requisite areas of knowledge, training and experience are detailed below:

1) The needs of the impaired elderly:

Completion of annual Title 11 Guardian ad Litem training since 1991 offered through King County. Service as a guardian ad litem in King County since 1991 and Pierce County since 1998. Familiarity with interviewing the elderly. Familiarity with medical conditions of the elderly, such as Alzheimer's and non-medical problems of aging, including functional capacities and needs described in the annual Guardian ad Litem Handbook. A Master's degree obtained in 1995 in counseling with classes outlining and identifying the needs of the elderly. Licenced Mental Health Counselor in the State of Washington.

2) The needs of persons with physical disabilities;

Completion of annual Title 11 Guardian ad Litem training since 1991. Service as a guardian ad litem in King County since 1991 and Pierce County since 1998. Familiarity with the capacities, incapacities and needs of physically disabled persons as described in the Guardian ad Litem Handbook. A Master's degree in counseling with classes outlining and identifying the needs of persons with physical disabilities.

3) The needs of persons with mental illnesses:

Completion of annual Title 11 Guardian ad **Litem** training since 1991. Service as a guardian ad **litem** in King County since 1991 and Pierce County since 1998. Familiarity with the capacities, incapacities and needs of the mentally ill persons as described in the Guardian ad **Litem** Handbook. A Master's degree in counseling with classes outlining and identifying the needs of persons with **mental** illnesses as well as innumerable CE courses in this area over the last 13 years. Licensed mental health counselor in the state of Washington with 15 per week client face hours since 1998.

4) The needs of persons with developmental disabilities:

Completion of annual Title 11 Guardian ad **Litem** training since 1991. Service as a guardian ad **litem** in King County since 1991 and Pierce County since 1998. Familiarity with the capacities, incapacities and needs of the person with developmental disabilities as described in the Guardian ad **Litem** Handbook. A Master's degree in counseling with classes outlining and identifying the needs of persons with developmental disabilities. Licensed mental health counselor in the State of Washington.

5) Other areas:

Master's degree in counseling and mental health license which includes the requisite 2000 hours of clinic supervision. My practice includes 15 clinic hours of face to face counseling per week which includes assessment and counseling of clients in areas 1-4 herein.

In my legal practice, I work clients in the areas of wills, probate, and I am familiar with powers of attorney and directives to physicians. I am familiar with services and resources provided by outside agencies to assist incapacitated persons and their families. I have handled over 125 matters as a guardian ad **litem**, attorney for an alleged incapacitated person, or as the attorney for guardian.

As a guardian ad **litem**, I have handled guardianships, minor settlements, probate and adoptions, and I have handled issues regarding residential placement, surgery and life support decisions, disappearance or misallocation of estate fund allocations, allegations of duress and undue influence and unfair advantage taken of persons.

6) Legal Procedure:

I have been in private practice since 1983, including the fields of prosecution, criminal defense, court commissioner in district court, pro tem judging in district court, probate, estate planning, guardianship, general business and personal injury.

7) The requirements of RCW Chapters 11.88 and 11.92.

Annual guardianship training since 1991 under the direction of the Washington State Bar Association addresses the statutory requirements of guardian ad litem.

8) Minor Settlements.

I am experienced in SGAL handling of person injury and other tort cases, serving as the settlement guardian ad litem assessing the reasonableness of liability and valuing the reasonableness of damages. I have been appointed as a settlement guardian ad litem in over forty cases in settlements ranging from \$1,500.00 to \$600,000.00

9) Adoption GAL

I am experienced in handling guardian ad litem adoption evaluations in King County. I have completed over thirty guardian ad litem adoption assessments since 1991.

B. I have successfully completed the annual Title 11 Guardian ad Litem training in both Pierce and King County that has been sponsored by each of these counties since 1991. I also attended the Kitsap County Title 11 Guardian ad Litem training in 2008.

C. The hourly rate of the Guardian ad Litem:

My usual hourly rate is \$225.00, but number of hours and hourly rate for GAL's and appointed attorneys may be set by the court in the Order Appointing GAL/Attorney and please refer to it.

D. Criminal History of the Guardian ad Litem as defined in RCW 9.94A.030 for the period covering ten years prior to the appointment: NONE

E. The Guardian ad Litem has had the following contact with parties to the proceeding prior to her

appointment-none
GAL Statement of
Qualifications

F. List any apparent conflicts of interest-~~none~~

G. No portion of my investigation or any information I receive from you or any of the persons involved in this matter will remain confidential in any way.

Dated this 19 day of March, 2009 at Federal Way, Washington.



Sue E. Freeborn WSBA #13863

GAL MANDATORY CLE TRAINING ATTENDANCE

May 1991

May 1992

May 1993

May 1994

May 1995

May 1996

May 1997

May 1998

May 1999

May 2000

May 2001

May 2002

May 2003

May 2004

May 2005

May 2006

May 2007

May 2008

April 2009 (anticipated)

Certificate of Completion

King County Bar Association

Sue Freeborn

**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