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**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: 03/09/09 Signature: [Signature]

WSBA # and Year Admitted: 2279 Admitted: WA 1993

Printed Name: Steven E. Lust

[ ] Business Address: 609 Tacoma Ave. S.,

] City: Tacoma State: W Zip Code: 98402

[ ] E-Mail Address: sel@balsamlaw.com

[ ] Business Telephone Number: 253 627 7605 [ ] FAX: 253 572-0912

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): 04/24, 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) 1200 5th Ave, Ste 600 Seattle 98101  
(County) King (Dates) May 28+29 1998  
(Phone) 206 267-7100

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.

1998

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:

Chapter 11.88 RCW Two appointments / Pierce County  
Probate one appointment / Pierce County

C. Percentage of your total case load that RCW 11.88 Guardian ad Litem work represents overall: Less 20%

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 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) Pleas? list all other trainings you have attended, the month/year attended and the materials covered in each training you attended. Family Law: Client Incapacity, January 2007; Guardianship Committee: GR 15, 22 + 31, April 2007; Title 11 GAL Training May 16, 2008; Guardianship of Marshall, 46 Wash. App. 315, Sept. 2007;

I also certify the following: 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Guardianship Seminar: Nov 6, 2008  
Collaborative Law & Guardianship Practice Oct 2007

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 \$ 220.00. My hourly rate to serve as Guardian ad Litem in guardianships is \$ 220. *unless required otherwise by order of the court or local civil rule.*

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.

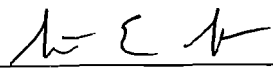
AGREE  DISAGREE \_\_\_\_\_

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.

	03/09/08
Signature	Date of signing
Steven E. Lust	Tacoma WA
Print Name	Place of signing

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**POLICY 4**

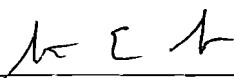
**PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
RCW 11.88 GUARDIAN AD LITEM  
CODE OF CONDUCT**

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.

03/09/09  
Date

  
Signature

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PIERCE

In re the *Guardianship* of:  
  
An Alleged Incapacitated Person.

NO

GUARDIAN AD LITEM STATEMENT OF  
BACKGROUND & QUALIFICATIONS

This statement is presented as required by RCW 11.88.090(3)(b).

A. Level of formal education: B.A. in Asian Studies, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington; J.D., Vanderbilt University School of Law, Nashville, Tennessee.

B. Training related to Guardian ad Litem's duties: ■ successfully completed the Inter-County Guardianship Guardian ad Litem Training certified by the superior courts of King, Kitsap, Pierce, Snohomish, and Thurston counties as the statutorily required RCW 11.88.090 program and training for all guardianship Guardians ad Litem. ■ completed this training on May 28 and 29, 1998, May 14, 1999, May 12,2000, May 11, 2001, May 10, 2002, May 9,2003, May 21,2004, May 13,2005, May 5,2006, May 4,2007, and May 16,2008.

C. Number of years' experience as a Guardian ad Litem: over ten years.

D. Number of prior appointments as Guardian ad Litem (as of today's date):

a. This County: at least 47.

b. Other Counties: records are not readily available to calculate.

1 E. Criminal history, as defined in RCW 9.94A.030: I have no convictions  
2 nor juvenile adjudications.

3 F. Evidence of my knowledge, training, and experience in the following  
4 areas, pursuant to RCW 11.88.090(4)(b)(i):

5 1. The needs of impaired elderly: I have provided legal services  
6 in the areas of estate planning, guardianship, alternatives to guardianship, and in  
7 other areas regarding elder care. I have completed Continuing Legal Education  
8 courses addressing the needs of impaired elderly.

9 2. The needs of persons with physical disabilities: I served on  
10 the board of a non-profit organization that provides services to clients with  
11 physical and developmental disabilities. I have provided legal services to clients  
12 with physical disabilities and have completed Continuing Legal Education courses.

13 3. The needs of persons with mental illness: I completed  
14 Continuing Legal Education courses.

15 4. The needs of persons with developmental disabilities: I  
16 served on the board of a non-profit organization that provides services to clients  
17 with developmental disabilities. I completed Continuing Legal Education courses.

18 5. Other areas relevant to the needs of incapacitated persons: I  
19 completed the required Guardian ad Litem training. I completed Continuing Legal  
20 Education courses addressing elder issues, guardianship, and estate planning. I  
21 represented clients in guardianship proceedings.

22 6. Legal procedure: I am a member of the Washington State Bar  
23 Association. I have represented clients in guardianship proceedings and have  
24 completed the required Guardian ad Litem training. I completed Continuing Legal  
25 Education courses. I am familiar and experienced with Chapters 11.88 and 11.92  
RCW as an attorney and Guardian ad Litem.

G. I have not been removed as a Guardian ad Litem.

H. My normal hourly rate is \$220. My hourly rate to serve as guardian  
ad litem in guardianships is \$220 (unless county paid or except as required by local  
civil rule or order of the court).



# RESUMÉ

## Steven E. Lust

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### **Education:**

University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington  
Bachelor of Arts, Asian Studies, 1983  
Vanderbilt University School of Law, Nashville, Tennessee  
Juris Doctor, 1989  
Honors: Moot Court Board, Jessup International Moot Court Board  
Team

### **Admitted to Practice:**

Connecticut	1989
Washington	1993

### **Professional Admissions and Memberships:**

Washington State Bar Association  
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association  
Federal District Court for Western District of Washington and for  
District of Connecticut  
RCW 11.88 Guardian ad *Litem*, on Pierce County registry since 1998

### **Board Service and Appointments:**

Served on Board of Directors for Birth to Three Developmental  
Center  
Currently on the University of Puget Sound Logger Club Board of  
Directors, past Vice President  
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association Guardianship **Committee:**  
1999 – present, Chair of Committee 2000.  
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association Public Relations Committee,  
1998

**Work Experience:**

CT: Practice focused on representation of financial institutions in transactions and in litigation; representation of an art publisher, and general civil litigation.

WA: Practice has included general civil litigation, elder law, guardianship, probate, trust and family law.

# ***Certificate of Completion***

**King County Bar Association**

**Steven Lust**

**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