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

SUPERIOR COURT  
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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 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: 3/19/09 Signature: [Signature]

WSBA # and Year Admitted: 34462 - 2003

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: Chris D. Maharry

Business Address: 1102 Broadway, Suite 500

City: Tacoma State: WA Zip Code: 98402

Business Telephone Number: (253) 627-1181 FAX: (253) 627-2247

E-Mail Address: cdm@mcgavick.com

Bilingual: No 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) King County Bar Association  
(Address) WA State Convention & Trade Center  
(County) King (Dates) April 23/24, 2009  
(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.** Level of formal education, degrees and years obtained:

Bachelor of Arts - Psychology - Western Washington  
University - '2000  
Juris Doctor - 2.003 - Seattle University

**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.

Enrolled to attend the 2009 Title 11 Guardianship  
Guardian ad Litem Training Sponsored by the King County  
Bar Association on April 23 & 24.

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

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

No prior Title 11 GAL Experience.

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

None.

**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:

None.

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

None.

**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 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) (I). 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:**

4th Annual Guardianship Seminar, Pierce County Bar Association - 2005  
Gu'ardianshipCLE - Proposed changes to PCLSPR 98.20

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

Anticipated training at Title 11 Guardianship  
Guardian Ad Litem Training - April 2009

**3) The needs of persons with physical disabilities:**

Anticipated training at Title 11 Guardianship  
Guardian Ad Litem Training - April 2009

**4) The needs of persons with mental illness:**

Anticipated training at Title 11 Guardianship  
Guardian Ad Litem Training - April 2009

**5) The needs of persons with developmental disabilities:**

Anticipated training at Title 11 Guardianship  
Guardian Ad Litem Training - April 2009

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

Anticipated training at Title 11 Guardianship  
Guardian Ad Litem Training - April 2009

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

And a review of RCW 11.88

**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 \$225.00. My hourly rate to serve as Guardian ad Litem in guardianships is \$ 175.00

**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.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

  3/19/09    
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of signing

  Chris Maharry    
\_\_\_\_\_  
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.

3/19/09  
Date

  
Signature

# CHRIS D. MAHARRY

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## EDUCATION

### *Graduate*

*Seattle University School of Law*                      *Seattle, WA*  
Juris Doctor received May 2003

### *Undergraduate*

*Western Washington University*                      ***Bellingham, WA***  
B.A. in Psychology  
June 2000 Graduate

## HONORS

Volunteer Legal Services Pro Bono Attorney of the Month for December **2005**

## EXPERIENCE

*Associate Attorney, McGavick Graves, P.S. ; Tacoma, WA*  
(6/2006 – Present)  
Work in the area of family and domestic relations law.

*Associate Attorney, Robert Taub & Associates; Tacoma, WA*  
(4/2004 – 6/2006)  
Work in the area of family and domestic relations law.

*Volunteer Attorney, Volunteer Legal Services Program; Tacoma, WA*  
(6/2004 – 6/2006)  
Counsel and advise clients at weekly free legal clinics for indigent individuals in Pierce County. Provided pro bono representation to low-income clients regarding marital dissolutions and parenting plan modifications.

*Contract Attorney, Law Offices of Jeffrey B. Lucas; Gig Harbor, WA*  
(1/2003 - 4/2004)  
Performed various legal research and drafting projects on a contract basis for the General Counsel representing a national church body.

## MEMBERSHIPS

*Washington State Bar Association*  
Admitted; November 2003.

*WSBA Family Law Section*  
Member; 1/2005 - Present.

*Tacoma Pierce County Bar Association*  
Member; 4/2004 - Present.

*TPCBA Family Law Section*  
Member; 4/2004 – Present  
Trustee; 11/2008 – 11/2009.

*TPCBA Young Lawyers Division*  
Member; 4/2004 – Present.  
Trustee; 11/2005 – 12/2008.