

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.

THIS IS PUBLIC INFORMATION

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: 3-19-09 Signature: Robert P. McDonald

WSBA # and Year Admitted: # 20534 Admitted 1991

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: Robert P. McDonald

Business Address: REGIMBAL, McDONALD, P.L.L.C.
612-5 227th St.

City: Des Moines State: WA. Zip Code: 98198

Business Telephone Number: (206) 824-5630 FAX: (206) 824-9096

E-Mail Address: bob@rm-law.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) 1200- Fifth Ave, # 600 Seattle WA. 98101
(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

THIS PART OF THE APPLICATION IS PUBLIC INFORMATION

A. Level of formal education, degrees and years obtained:

Seattle University (US) School of Law. Doctor. 1990.
University of Washington, Bachelor of Sciences in Pharmacy, 1975.

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.

Please see enclosed statement of
GAL Training programs attended.

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.

1995 King County
1999 Pierce County

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. Every year since 1995.
Pierce County. Every year since 1999 except Last
year (July 2008 - July 2009).

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 3/20/09, if served on any other county Guardian ad Litem Registry:

King County - 4 Appointments

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

Approximately 10%

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 Report

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 . If yes, please explain.

I have filed 2 Anti-harassment Actions.
Currently there are no Anti-harassment orders in effect.

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: I represent 1 Certified Professional Guardianship Agency, 3 Certified Professional Guardians, and several family member guardians. I routinely counsel these clients regarding the needs of elderly persons.
- 2) Understanding of issues surrounding abuse and neglect of the elderly: I have filed Vulnerable Adult Protection Actions on behalf of Guardians of Vulnerable Adults. I have attended training sessions on issues related to abuse of elderly &/or disabled individuals.
- 3) The needs of persons with physical disabilities: As a result of my background as a pharmacist and an attorney counseling Guardians, I am familiar with needs of persons with physical disabilities.
- 4) The needs of persons with mental illness: As a result of my background as a pharmacist and an attorney counseling Guardians, I am familiar with the needs of persons with mental illness.
- 5) The needs of persons with developmental disabilities: As a result of my background as a pharmacist and an attorney counseling Guardians, I am familiar with the needs of persons with developmental disabilities.
- 6) Other areas relevant to the needs of incapacitated persons: As a pharmacist I am familiar with medical terminology and the various physical and mental illnesses that people with disabilities may experience.
- 7) Legal procedures and Guardian ad Litem requirements of RCW 11.88: I am a practicing attorney familiar with legal procedure. I regularly appear in court in both Pierce and King County.

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 \$ 200.00. My hourly rate to serve as Guardian ad Litem in guardianships is \$ 200.00.

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 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 DISAGREE

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

AGREE 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.

Robert P. McDonald 3-18-09
Signature Date of signing

Robert P. McDonald Des Moines, 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.

3-18-09
Date

Robert P. McDonald
Signature

1 **GUARDIAN AD LITEM**
2 **RESUME - STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS**
3 **OF ROBERT P. McDONALD**

4 FORMAL EDUCATION

5 Seattle University (University of Puget Sound) School of Law, Tacoma, WA
6 Juris Doctor, "Cum Laude," December, 1990.

7 University of Washington, Seattle, WA
8 Bachelor of Sciences in Pharmacy, 1975

9 GAL TRAINING

10 Enrolled for King County Bar Association
11 Title XI Guardian ad Litem Training Program
12 April 23 and 24, 2009
(and will be one of the faculty/speakers at the program on 4-23-09)

13 I have attended the King County Bar Association Title XI Guardian ad Litem
14 Training programs held on:

15 May 16, 2008		
16 May 4, 2007	May 9, 2003	May 14, 1999
17 May 4 and 5, 2006	May 10, 2002	May 28 and 29, 1998
May 12 and 13, 2005	May 11, 2001	May 10, 1996
May 21, 2004	May 12, 2000	May 7 and 8, 1995

18 GAL EXPERIENCE

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20 I have been on the King County GAL Panel for 13 years, having been appointed to
21 the panel after completing the training program in March of 1995. I have been appointed as
22 GAL in approximately forty one cases in King County, have been appointed as the attorney
23 to represent an A.I.P. in ten cases, have reviewed an accounting for an estate in one case,
24 have been appointed as a GAL to review a trust accounting, have been appointed to
25 investigate an overdue Guardian's Report and Accounting in one case, and have been
26 appointed three times to represent a minor in an estate settlement. I previously was on the
Pierce County GAL Panel for approximately eight years, between May of 1999 and May of
2008. I was appointed to that panel after completing the training in May of 1999. I have
been appointed as GAL in Pierce County in approximately twenty five cases, and have been

1 appointed as the attorney to represent an A.I.P. in one case. I am not, and have not been, on a
2 GAL panel in any other jurisdiction. I have never been removed for failure to perform my
duties as GAL. I have no criminal record.

3 IMPAIRED ELDERLY PEOPLE

4 I received a Bachelor of Sciences Degree in Pharmacy in 1975. I completed
5 coursework in anatomy, physiology, and pathology in addition to specific training in
6 pharmacology. My studies included information concerning aging, diseases associated with
the elderly, and the treatment of these conditions.

7 As a practicing pharmacist I regularly come in contact with elderly persons suffering
8 from a variety of different impairments. Throughout my career as a pharmacist I have had a
9 special interest in the treatment of the elderly, and have attended continuing education
10 programs that have focused on the treatment of such disorders as Alzheimer's disease,
Parkinson's disease, and osteoporosis. I have also addressed groups of senior citizens
regarding the safe and effective use of medications.

11 PHYSICALLY DISABLED

12 In addition to my academic training and my work as a pharmacist with individuals.
13 with various disabilities, I have also had first hand experience relating to the impact of
14 physical disabilities. Shortly after my birth my mother was diagnosed as having multiple
15 sclerosis. Her right side was paralyzed, and depending upon the state of her health she was
16 either wheelchair bound or used a walker. As I grew up I learned of the difficulties she faced
in getting around, in an era when the Americans with Disabilities Act had not even been
considered.

17 MENTALLY DISABLED

18 In addition to my academic training about mental health disorders and their treatment
19 I have also had extensive experience in the field of mental health. In the late 1970's as an
20 Adjunct Professor of the W.S.U. School of Pharmacy I coordinated a Pharmacy Externship
21 Program at Group Health Cooperative's Central Mental Health Unit. I was responsible for
22 orienting and training pharmacy students from Washington State University. Each student
would work full time in the mental health unit for eight weeks. I was responsible for
teaching the students about various mental health disorders and how they were treated.

23 In the mid 1980's I served on the Snohomish County Mental Health Advisory Board.
24 This Board made recommendations to the Snohomish County Government regarding how
25 state funds should be allocated among various groups providing mental health services in
Snohomish County. During my time on the board many program directors and
administrators presented information to the board on their treatment programs. In addition,

1 patient advocate groups would regularly provide input regarding their thoughts on how the
2 county funds should be allocated.

3 DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

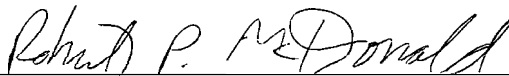
4 My academic background provides me with a general knowledge of the circumstances
5 that face the developmentally disabled. While I have not had any specific post-graduate
6 training in this area, I believe that with my background and training I would be able to work
effectively with and on behalf of individuals who are developmentally disabled.

7 In December, 1990, I graduated from the Seattle University (University of Puget
8 Sound) Law School. In 1991 I passed the Bar exam and was licensed to practice law in the
9 State of Washington. Since that time I have engaged in a general law practice, and have been
involved in matters relating to elderly clients and individuals thought to be mentally ill. I
have specifically reviewed the provisions of RCW Chapters 11.88 and 11.92.

10 My current hourly fee is \$200.00, and I am willing to accept the appointment as
11 Guardian ad Litem in this matter at the rate of \$200.00 per hour or in accordance with Pierce
12 County reimbursement guidelines for county pay cases should the court determine at the final
hearing that my fees should be paid at county expense.

13 I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that to the
14 best of my knowledge the above statements are true and correct.

15 DATED: April 16, 2009

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Robert P. McDonald, WSBA #20534

TITLE XI GUARDIAN AD LITEM TRAINING
PROGRAMS ATTENDED – Robert P. McDonald

King County Bar Association
Guardian ad Litem Training Program
May 16,2008

King County Bar Association
Guardian ad Litem Training Program
May 4,2007

King County Bar Association
Guardian ad Litem Training Program
May 12 & 13,2005

King County Bar Association
Guardian ad Litem Training Program
May 9,2003

King County Bar Association
Guardian ad Litem Training Program
May 11,2001

King County Bar Association
Guardian ad Litem Training Program
May 14,1999

King County Bar Association
Guardian ad Litem Training Program
May 10,1996

King County Bar Association
Guardian ad Litem Training Program
May 4 & 5,2006

King County Bar Association
Guardian ad Litem Training Program
May 21,2004

King County Bar Association
Guardian ad Litem Training Program
May 10,2002

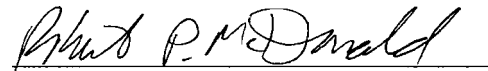
King County Bar Association
Guardian ad Litem Training Program
May 12,2000

King County Bar Association
Guardian ad Litem Training Program
May 28 & 29,1998

King County Bar Association
Guardian ad Litem Training Program
May 7 & 8,1995

The enclosed Certificates of Attendance/Completion represent all of the Certificates that I have in my possession. In the past I have not routinely retained these certificates, but will do so in the future.

Dated: March 5, 2008


Robert P. McDonald

Certificate of Completion

from the King County Bar Association

Robert McDonald

Guardian ad Litem Training

March 7-8, 1995

14
CLE Credits

Christine J. Peterson
CLE Director

Certificate of Completion

King County Bar Association

Robert McDonald

1999 Inter-County Guardianship
Guardian ad Litem Training

May 13 & 14, 1999

Certified by the Superior Courts of King, Kitsap, Pierce,
Skagit, Snohomish and Thurston Counties as the
Statutorily Required RCW 11.88.090 Guardianship
Guardian ad Litem Registry Training

6.25 General

13.25 General and Ethics Credits

CLE Credits



CLE Director

Certificate of Completion

King County Bar Association

Robert McDonald

2000 Inter-County Guardianship
Guardian ad Litem Training

May 11 & 12, 2000

Certified by the Superior Courts of King, Kitsap, Pierce,
Skagit, Snohomish and Thurston Counties as the
Statutorily Required RCW 11.88.090 Guardianship
Guardian ad Litem Registry Training

Day 1: 7.0 General and Day 2: 6.75 General

CLE Credits (Total of 13.75)

6.75
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Mark Sideman

CLE Director

Certificate of Completion

King County Bar Association

Robert P. McDonald

2001 Inter-County Guardianship
Guardian ad Litem Training


May 10 & 11, 2001

Certified by the Superior Courts of King, Kitsap, Pierce,
Skagit, Snohomish and Thurston Counties as the
Statutorily Required RCW 11.88.090 Guardianship
Guardian ad Litem Registry Training

~~Day 1: 7.00 General~~

✓ Day 2: 6.00 General and .75 Ethics

CLE Credits (Total of 13.75 for both days)


Mark Sideman, CLE Director

Certificate of Completion

King County Bar Association

ROBERT MCDONALD

2002 Inter-County Guardianship
Guardian ad Litem Training

May 8 & 10, 2002

Certified by the Superior Courts of King, Kitsap, Pierce,
Skagit, Snohomish and Thurston Counties as the
Statutorily Required RCW 11.88.090 Guardianship
Guardian ad Litem Registry Training

Day 1: 6.00 General

Day 2: 5.00 General and 2.25 Ethics

CLE Credits (Total of 13.25 for both days)

I attended Day 2.

Robert P. McDonald



Mark Sideman, CLE Director

Certificate of Completion

King County Bar Association

Robert McDonald

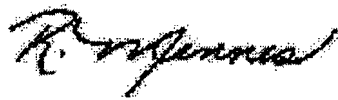
**2003 Inter-County Guardianship
Guardian ad Litem Training
May 8 & 9, 2003**

**Certified by the Superior Courts of King, Kitsap, Pierce,
Skagit, Snohomish and Thurston Counties as the
Statutorily Required RCW 11.88.090 Guardianship
Guardian ad Litem Registry Training**

Day 1: ~~6.50~~ General

Day 2: 5.50 General and 1.75 Ethics

Both Days: 12.00 General and 1.75 Ethics CLE Credits Approved



Roxanne Mennes, King County Bar Association CLE Director

Certificate of Completion

King County Bar Association

Robert McDonald

2004 Inter-County Guardianship
Guardian ad Litem Training
May 20 & 21, 2004

Certified by the Superior Courts of King, Kitsap, Pierce,
Skagit, Snohomish and Thurston Counties as the
Statutorily Required RCW 11.88.090 Guardianship
Guardian ad Litem Registry Training

Day 1: ~~6.50~~ General CLE Credits Approved

Day 2: 4.50 General & 2.25 Ethics; Total of 6.75 CLE Credits Approved

Both Days: 11.00 General & 2.25 Ethics; Total of 13.25 CLE Credits Approved



Roxanne Mennes, King County Bar Association CLE Director

Certificate of Completion

King County Bar Association

Robert McDonald

**2005 Title 11 Guardianship
Guardian ad Litem Training
May 12 & 13, 2005**

Certified by the Superior Courts of King, Kitsap, Pierce,
Snohomish and Thurston Counties as the
Statutorily Required RCW 11.88.090 Guardianship
Guardian ad Litem Registry Training

Day 1, May 12
Day 2, May 13

6.50 General CLE Credits Approved

5.50 General & 1.00 Ethics CLE Credits Approved

May 12 & 13

12.00 General & 1.00 Ethics; 13.00 CLE Credits Approved (approval # 138581)



Roxanne Mennes, King County Bar Association CLE Director

Certificate of Completion

King County Bar Association

Robert McDonald

2006 Title 11 Guardianship Guardian ad Litem Training

Initial Certification, May 4 & 5, 2006

Certified by the Superior Courts of King, Kitsap, Pierce,
Snohomish and Thurston Counties as the
Statutorily Required RCW 11.88.090 Guardianship
Guardian ad Litem Registry Training

12 General & 1 Ethics CLE Credits Approved; Total of 13:00 CLE Credits for Both Days, May 4 & 5, 2006 (approval #158-929)
May 5, 2006 CPG CREDITS: 575 CPG Credits Approved; 1.50 Person, 3.25 General, 1.00 Ethics



Roxanne Mennes, King County Bar Association CLE Director

King County Bar Association

Robert McDonald

**2007 Washington State
RCW 11.88.090 Guardianship
Guardian ad Litem Training
Re-Certification, May 4, 2007**

May 4, 2007, CLE CREDITS: 6.50 CLE Credits Approved: 5.50 General and 1.00 Ethics Credits (approval #179 754)

May 4, 2007, CPG CREDITS: MAY 4: 5.00 CPG Credits Approved: .75 Person, 1.00 Ethics, 3.25 General



Roxanne Mennes, King County Bar Association CLE Director

Certificate of Completion
King County Bar Association

Robert McDonald

**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

ROBERT P. MCDONALD

**2009 Washington State
RCW 11.88.090 Guardianship
Guardian ad Litem Training**

**Initial Certification
April 23 & 24, 2009**

April 23, 2009: 6.00 General CLE Credits Approved

April 24, 2009: 5.50 General & 1.00 Ethics for a Total of 6.50 CLE Credits Approved
Approved for Both Days: 1.50 General and 1.00 Ethics CLE Credits, 12.50 Total (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