

**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: 2/1/09 Signature: 

WSBA # and Year Admitted: 32526 (2002)

Printed Name: Karen Nakagawa

- Business Address: 9500 Roosevelt Way NE, Suite 301
- City: Seattle State: WA Zip Code: 98115
- E-Mail Address: karen@khnlaw.com
- Business Telephone Number: (206) 545-0070  FAX: (206) 493-2732

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): May 2009 King County  
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  
(Address) Seattle, WA  
(County) King (Dates) 5/12/05  
(Phone) \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 11.88 Guardian ad Litem Registry in Pierce County. Please list any years where there was a break in service.

2006

**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 3120109:

Pierce County:

- one (1) Title 11 GAL appointments through date of application.

King County

- five (5) Title 11 GAL appointments through date of application.
- two (2) adoption GAL appointments through date of application.

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

Ten percent (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: \_\_\_\_\_

See attached Washington State Patrol Conviction Criminal History 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)** Please list all other trainings you have attended, the month/year attended and

the materials covered in each training you attended.

Please see the attached the attached WSBA MCLE tracking report, printed 211109.

**I also certify the following:**

**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 \$200.00. My hourly rate to serve as Guardian ad Litem in guardianships is \$185.00.

**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.

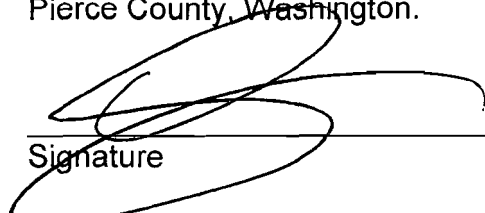
AGREE  DISAGREE \_\_\_\_\_

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

AGREE   x   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.

 _____ Signature	<u>  2/1/09  </u> _____ Date of signing
<u>  Karen Nakagawa  </u> Print Name	<u>  Seattle, WA  </u> Place of signing

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**POLICY 4**

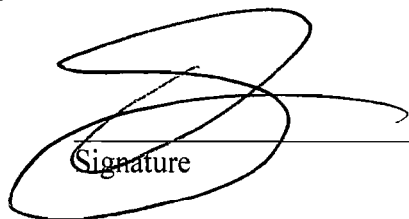
**PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
RCW 11.88 GUARDIAN AD LITEM  
CODE OF CONDUCT**

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.

Date 2/1/09

  
Signature

## KAREN H. NAKAGAWA

9500 Roosevelt Way N.E., Suite 301 . Seattle, WA 98115 . (206)545-0070 . karen@khnlaw.com

### **EDUCATION**

University of Washington - J.D., 2001

University of Washington - B.A. Business Administration 1991 and B.A. Anthropology 1991

### **RECENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

King County Collaborative Law – Family Law Practice Group Co-Chair

Collaborative Law Member from 2005 - Present

Volunteer with the King County Bar Association Greenwood Family Law Clinic from 2004 - Present

### **RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Law Office of Karen H. Nakagawa

Seattle, WA

Solo Practitioner

2003 to Present

- A practice which is guardianship, estate planning, Guardian ad Litem (Title II and adoption), mediation, and family law matters (adoption, dissolution, custody, child support, parenting plan).

Stokes Lawrence

Seattle, WA

Summer Associate, Associate

Summer 2000, 2002 - 2003

- A practice which was 50% family law dissolutions, child custody, and adoption and 50% general litigation, trust and estate litigation, intellectual property, and corporate law.

**Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe**

Seattle, WA

Summer Associate

Summer 1999

- Litigation - wrote legal memoranda on consumer protections laws, criminal sentencing, parental termination statutes and procedural issues.
- Business - researched non-competition agreements and inventory transfer regulations and drafted construction agreements and non-profit corporation bylaws.
- Participated in high-profile criminal sentencing trial.

Honorable Karen A. Overstreet, United States Bankruptcy Court

Seattle, WA

**Extern**

2001

- Researched bankruptcy issues, observed trial.

Northwest Women's Law Center

Seattle, WA

Phone Line Representative Volunteer

Summer 1999

- Provided legal information and referral on a variety of family law issues.

Holt Children's Services

**Ilsan, Korea**

Orphanage Volunteer

Winter 1998

- Provided physical therapy to physically and mentally challenged infants, children, and adults.
- Taught English language classes to staff.
- Edited correspondence and documents.

King County Superior Court

Seattle, WA

Guardian Ad **Litem** (GAL)

1993 – 1994

- Conducted evaluative interviews of parents, social workers, attorneys, teachers and foster parents to make recommendations and report to judge concerning the best interests of the child.
- Facilitated and negotiated the permanency plan with conflicting parties.



Reporting Period 2007-2009

Note: To be considered compliant, you must certify this online information by submitting your signed original MCLE Board declaration (C2/C3) form at the end of this three-year reporting period.

Member Name: Karen Hatsue Nakagawa WSBABar #: 32526

2004-2006 Add Activity \* 2010-2012

Delete	ActID	Title	Sponsor	Location	Start Date	End Date	Eth. Live	Eth. AV	Gen AV	Gen Live	Edit Credits
Delete	171673	Family Law - A Boutique Practice 13th Annual Conference	American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers	Seattle, WA	03/16/2007	03/16/2007	0.00	-	-	6.25	Edit
Delete	179318	FAMILY LAW SECT/UNIFIED FAMILY COURT: ABUSIVE USE OF CONFLICT	KING COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION	SEATTLE, WA	05/16/2007	05/16/2007	0.00	-	-	1.00	Edit
Delete	179754	2007 TITLE 11 GUARDIANSHIP GUARDIAN TRAINING AD LITEM	KING COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION	SEATTLE, WA	05/03/2007	05/04/2007	1.00	-	-	6.50	Edit
Delete	180537	IMPACT/IMPLICATIONS OF DOMESTIC PARTNERS REGISTRY: NEW ISSUES WA ST FAMILY LAW	KING COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION	SEATTLE, WA	06/14/2007	06/14/2007	0.00	-	-	1.50	Edit
Delete	185244	SOCIAL SECURITY ADVOCACY: HELPING CLIENTS ACHIEVE/MAINTAIN SOC SECURITY BENEFITS	KING COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION	SEATTLE, WA	08/17/2007	08/17/2007	0.00	-	-	6.50	Edit
Delete	196655	HIP: ADVISING/REPRESENTING LOW INCOME TENANTS FACING EVICTION	KCBACLINICS	SEATTLE, WA	01/31/2008	02/07/2008	0.75	-	-	7.25	Edit
Delete	197264	Mini-CLE: Estate Planning for the Unmarried Couple/Non-Traditional Family	WSBA CLE	Seattle, WA	06/02/2008	06/02/2008	0.00	-	-	1.00	Edit
Delete	198162	COLLABORATIVE LAW SECT: ETHICS RELATED TO COLLABORATIVE LAW PRACTICE	KING COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION	SEATTLE, WA	02/12/2008	02/12/2008	1.00	-	-	0.00	Edit
Delete	200131	Estate Planning for Small to Medium-Sized Estates	WSBA CLE	Seattle, WA	04/16/2008	04/16/2008	0.50	-	-	6.25	Edit
Delete	200733	2008 TITLE 11 GUARDIANSHIP GUARDIAN TRAINING AD LITEM	KING COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION	SEATTLE, WA	05/15/2008	05/16/2008	1.00	-	-	5.50	Edit
Delete	202573	FORECLOSURES FOR THE REST OF US	KING COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION	SEATTLE, WA	04/25/2008	04/25/2008	0.00	-	-	4.25	Edit
Delete	204594	FAMILY LAW SECTION: PANEL DISCUSSION ON CURRENT FAMILY LAW PRACTICE	KING COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION	SEATTLE, WA	06/06/2008	06/06/2008	0.00	-	-	1.00	Edit
Delete	205825	Probate Boot Camp	WSBA CLE	Seattle, WA	07/31/2008	07/31/2008	0.75	-	-	5.25	Edit
Delete	209457	Federal and State Estate Taxes: A Changing Landscape	WSBA CLE	Seattle, WA	09/09/2008	09/09/2008	0.00	-	-	2.00	Edit
Delete	211578	Adoption Practice, Pitfalls and Procedures: 10 Essential Lessons	WSBA CLE	Seattle, WA	11/07/2008	11/07/2008	0.75	-	-	4.00	Edit
Delete	212268	GUARDIANSHIP/ELDER LAW: BANKRUPTCY & GUARDIANSHIPS: WHAT	KING COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION	SEATTLE, WA	10/16/2008	10/16/2008	0.00	-	-	1.00	Edit

YOU NEED TO KNOW							
Delete	215267	CPW's First Annual Statewide Collaborative Law Conference	Collaborative Professionals of Washington Harbor, WA	11/14/2008	11/15/2008	3.00	-
							4.50
							61.75
Total from 2007-2009 Reporting Period						8.75	
Carryover from Previous Reporting Period						2	
Total Credits						10.75	
Total Ethics Credits & General Credits						10.75	
Grand Total Reported Credits						85.5	

	ETHICS	Live	Total
Credits Required for Compliance	6	22.5	45
Credits Remaining for Compliance	0	0	0

To ADD a course, click on the ADD APPROVED ACTIVITIES button and Search for the course you attended. If the course is not in the database, you may fill out a Form 1 Application for course approval after the search is complete. Members must add to their own roster of attendance all self-study ... etc.

Activities with a  background have been automatically flagged as potential duplicate records. Until this issue is resolved, these credits cannot be applied to reporting period credit totals or credit compliance. To confirm that these activities are not duplicates, please send an e-mail message to questions@wsba.org, specifying your name, bar number and the activity ID numbers at issue.

Activities with an ORANGE background do not contribute to the reporting period credit totals because there are no credits recorded for those activities. Attendance credits are recorded as zero for all Form 1's submitted by members prior to the start date of the course. Please edit the activity record to update the number of attendance credits earned.

Pro bono service credit activities with a YELLOW background do not contribute to the credit totals because at least 2 credits from activities marked as pro bono training were not awarded during the same calendar year. (See APR 11.2(a)(4) and APR 11 Regulation 103(f))

Moot court activities with a GREEN background have had the number of credits in them reduced because moot court credit limit of 6 credits per reporting period was reached. If the number of moot court credits recorded in the roster has been reduced since then, please edit some of these activities to increase the number of moot credits recorded in the roster. (See APR 11.2(a)(5) and APR 11 Regulation 103(g))

Activities with a ROSE background have had the number of credits in them reduced because the 8 credit per day limit was reached. (See APR 11 Regulation 103(c))

Credit Requirement Fulfilled	Yes
C2 Declaration Signed	No
C2 Date Received	-
C2 Data Complete?	Not Yet
Courses Taken After Period End?	No
Late Fee Assessed	\$0
Late Fee Waiver Amount	\$0
Late Fee Balance Due	NO FEE OWED
Late Fee Paid	\$0
Compliant for Period	Due 2/1/2010

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# ***Certificate of Completion***

**King County Bar Association**

**Karen Nakagawa**

**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