

**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, _____s 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 _____ submit _____.

Date Signed: 3-3-09 Signature: _____

WSBA # and Year Admitted: 17405 - 10/87

Printed Name: Eileen S. Peterson

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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 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) _____

(Address) _____

(County) _____ (Dates) _____

(Phone) _____

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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**WRITTEN STATEMENT OF BACKGROUND AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR
PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT G.A.L. REGISTRY
UNDER RCW 11.88.090 (2009)**

I, Eileen S. Peterson, state the following as an outline of my background and qualifications to be eligible for the Pierce County Superior Court Guardian Ad Litem registry under RCW 11.88.090(3):

A. Level of formal education: BS - Psychology (1973 - Washington State University); MS - Counseling (1900 - University of Oregon); JD (1987 - Seattle University School of Law).

B. Training related to Guardian ad Litem's duties: Guardian ad Litem training 11/18/91, 1/28/94, 6/96 (Pierce County); 5/96, 11/96 (King County); 5/99 (King County); 5/00 (King County); 5/01 (King County); 5/02 (King County); 5/03 (King County); 5/04 (King County); 5/05 (King County); 5/06 (King County); 5/07 (King County); 5/08 (King County).

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

1. List year and county(ies) first served on a certified RCW 11.88.090 registry.

Pierce County since the second year that certification was required.

2. List each year and the county(ies) in which you were appointed to serve on a certified RCW 11.88.090 registry. Every year except the first year since certification was required in Pierce County.

D. Number of appointments as a Guardian ad Litem and the county or counties of

appointment: During the last calendar year, 1/1/08 to 12/31/08, I handled the following matters:

- One new RCW 11.88 appointment (with a reappointment). The matter was completed within the calendar year.
- Two reappointments for RCW 11.88. One was completed in 2008 and the other is pending.
- One appointment RCW 11.88 appointment from 2007 was completed in 2008.

- I have been involved within four (4) probate GAL matters. Two matters from prior years were completed. Two matters are pending and will, hopefully be completed soon.
- I was appointed in a prior year as RCW 11.96A Guardian ad Litem. That matter will be completed shortly.

E. Percentage of your total case load that RCW 11.88 Guardian ad Litem work represents overall: Less than 5%. (I have not included probate Guardian ad Litem work in this calculation).

F. Criminal history, as defined in RCW 9.94A.030: Completed Washington State Patrol Conviction Criminal History Record must be received by the Court. None. My certificate is on file with the Court Administrator

G. Have you ever been accused of, or been a victim of domestic violence or an anti-harassment action? No.

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

1) The needs of impaired elderly:

Member, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys
(since 1993)

Certified as Elder Law Attorney by National Elder Law
Foundation (since 1995)

Chair, WSBA Elder Law Section Guardianship Task
Force (2007-2009)

WSBA Elder Law Section Executive Committee (since
2000, including Chair in 2005)

Practice in the area of Estate Planning, including
guardianship work (since 1989)

Guardian ad Litem training 11/18/91, 1/28/94, 6/96 (Pierce
County), 5/96, 11/96 (King County); 5/99 (King
County); 5/00 (King County); 5/01 (King County);
5/02 (King County); 5/03 (King County); 5/04 (King
County); 5/05 (King County); 5/06 (King County);
5/07 (King County); 5/08 (King County).

Mental Health Therapist – 10 years treating the elderly, developmentally disabled, and mentally ill, and associated physically disabled

- 2) The needs of persons with physical disabilities: See Number 1 above.
- 3) The needs of persons with mental illness: See Number 1 above.
- 4) The needs of persons with developmental disabilities: See Number 1 above.
- 5) Other areas relevant to the needs of incapacitated persons:

Certified by National Foundation of Elder Law Attorneys (since 1993)
MS in Counseling (University of Oregon) -1980
Trust and Investment Committee - Lifetime Advocacy Plus (1990-2000)
Board Member - Puget Sound Legal Assistance Foundation (1994-1995)
WSBA Elder Law Section, Executive Committee (2000 - present) (Chair)
Washington Chapter NAELA Trustee (2002 – 2005)
Trained medical counselors (1980-1983)

- 6) Legal procedure:

Guardian ad Litem training - 11/18/91; 1/28/94; 6/96 (Pierce County); 5/96; 11/96 (King County); 5/99 (King County); 5/00 (King County); 5/01 (King County); 5/02 (King County); 5/03 (King County); 5/04 (King County); 5/05 (King County); 5/06 (King County); 5/07 (King County); 5/08 (King County).
Review of statutory procedure (including study group (1996) reviewing need for amendment to statute headed by Bar Task Force Committee) ,
Guardianship work (as petitioner's attorney under new Act and old Act)
Guardian ad Litem appointments since 1992

- 7) The number of times I have been removed for failure to perform duties as
Guardian ad **Litem**: -0-
- 8) Please list all other trainings you have attended, the month/year attended and the materials covered in each training you attended.

The question is overly broad for an attorney who has practiced for twenty-three (23) years. Over the last several years, I've attended the following:

- 1/09 – WSBA Elder Law Essentials (speaker)
- 11/08 – WSBA 53rd Annual Estate Planning Seminar
- 11/08 – 7th Pierce County Annual Guardianship Seminar (speaker)
- 9/08 – WSBA Annual Fall Elder Law Conference: Protecting Our Parents
- 4/08 – Pierce County Guardianship Committee: Prosecuting Those Exploiting Vulnerable Adults
- 2/08 – Pierce County Guardianship Committee: Vulnerable Adult Protection Orders
- 11/07 – 7th Pierce County Annual Guardianship Seminar (speaker)
- 9/07 – WSBA Elder Law Essentials: The Annual Fall Elder Law Conference
- 7/07 – WSBA The Guardianship Institute: Strategies and Solutions for Meeting the Challenge (Chair)
- 11/06 - WSBA 51st Annual Estate Planning Seminar
- 11/06 – Pierce County 5th Annual Guardianship Seminar (speaker)
- 6/06 – WSBA Special Needs Trust
- 5/06 – WSBA Developments in Medicaid and Medicare
- 3/06 – WSBA 3rd Annual Trust and Estate Litigation Conference: Dispute Resolution, Advocacy, and Beyond (speaker)
- 1/06 – WSBA Elder Law at the Crossroads: Medicaid, Medicare and Medicine (speaker)
- 9/05 – WSBA Elder Law Conference: The Leading Edge of Elder Law (Chair)
- 1/05 – WSBA Elder Law Issues in Estate Planning (WSBA)

- 9/04 – 2004 WSBA Annual Elder Law Section Meeting and CLE (speaker)
- 7/04 – WSBA Establishing, Managing and Terminating Special Needs Trusts (Planning Committee)
- 4/04 – WSBA Trust and Estate Litigation: How to Handle the Toughest Cases with Confidence (WSBA)
- 9/03 – 2003 WSBA Annual Elder Law Section Meeting and CLE
- 2003 – WSBA Vulnerable Adult Symposium (speaker)
- 3/03 – Advanced Guardianship Issues II (KCBA)
- 3/01 – Advanced Guardianship Issues (KCBA)
- 9/02 – 2002 WSBA Annual Elder Law Section Meeting, including use of Vulnerable Adult Statute litigation on behalf of incapacitated persons.
- 9/01 – 2002 WSBA Annual Elder Law Section Meeting, including the changes to Powers of Attorney Statute.
- 6/02 – WSBA Vulnerable Adults CLE/Symposium (Chair)

I also certify the following:

I. I have successfully completed the Guardian ad Litem training required by the Pierce County Superior Court and under the laws of the State of Washington

J. My normal hourly rate is \$275 per hour. My hourly rate to serve as RCW 11.88 Guardian ad Litem is \$210 (unless county pay). I usually charge my normal hourly rate on probate and trust matters, depending upon the complexity of the matter.

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.

L. I have no criminal history or license suspension or revocation.

M. I am not the subject of any pending investigation or action that would result in either a criminal conviction or a license revocation or suspension.

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.

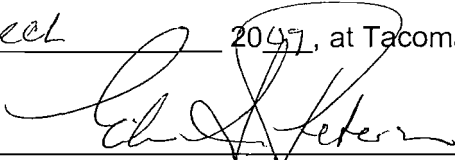
O. I have read, signed, returned and agreed to be governed by the Pierce County Superior Court G.A.L. Code of Conduct as set out in the Pierce County Superior Court Administrative Policy #4.

P. I have read and understand the applicability to me of the Pierce County Superior Court Administrative Policy, #33 for the RCW 11.88 GAL Registry for Guardianships, as amended 9/1/04.

Q. I have completed in full, signed and attached the confidential supplement to the written statement.

I further certify that I have, in addition to the above, thoroughly studied the provisions and requirements of Chapters 11.88 and 11.92 RCW, and believe I am qualified to be appointed as a Guardian ad Litem in Pierce County, Washington.

DATED this 11 day of March 2007, at Tacoma, Washington



Eileen S. Peterson, WSBA No. 17405

POLICY 4

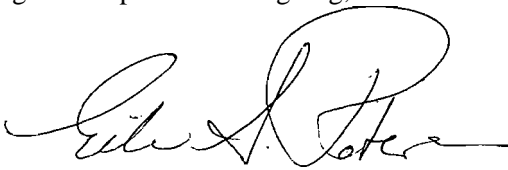
**PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
RCW 11.88 GUARDIAN AD LITEM
CODE OF CONDUCT**

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 11.83 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.

3/11/09
Date


Signature



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Practice Groups

- Mediation and Arbitration Panel
- Trusts & Estates

PRIMARY AREAS OF PRACTICE

Estate Planning, Trusts, Probate, Guardianship. Also work as Mediator.

EDUCATION

J.D., Seattle University School of Law, 1987
cum laude

Masters in Counseling, University of Oregon, 1980
magna cum laude

B.S., Washington State University, 1973

JURISDICTIONS ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

Washington State Courts

PROFESSIONAL & BAR ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

Washington Chapter National Association of Elder Law Attorneys

Member, Board of Directors (2003 - 2006)

Washington State Bar Association

Member, Section on Real Property, Probate, and Trusts

Member, Section on Elder Law

Executive Committee, Section on Elder Law (2000- present)

American Bar Association

Member, Section on Real Property, Probate, and Trusts

National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys

Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

- Joined Firm, 1987
- Certified as an Elder Law Attorney by the National Elder Law Board since certification began in 1994 and only attorney certified in Pierce County
- Washington State Bar Association, Elder Law Section, Chair for Executive Committee, 2005-2006
- Washington State Bar Association, Elder Law Section Executive Committee (2000-2008)

REPRESENTATIVE CASES/TRANSACTIONS

- All areas of estate planning
- Straight-forward to complex probates
- Trust administration issues
- Guardianship
- Court-supervised trust, including creation, administration and dispute resolution

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Harbor Covenant Church
- Tacoma Lutheran Home Foundation
- Lifetime Advocacy Plus, Trust & Investment Committee, 1987-97

HONORS, PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- AV Rated by Martindale Hubbell
- Designated "Super Lawyer" by the Washington Journal of Law & Politics (2007 & 2008)
- Chair, Guardianship Task Force for WSBA Elder Law Section

- Co-Chair, Guardianship Institute, 2007
- Speaker, Charitable Giving, Pierce College Community Foundation, 2007
- Speaker, Estate Recovery, 2007
- Speaker, Estate Planning: Challenges & Solutions, Sponsored by Merrill Lynch, MultiCare, Tacoma Art Museum and University of Puget Sound, 2006
- Speaker, Guardianship ad Litem Training, Lesser Restrictive Alternatives to Guardianship, 1999- 2001
- Speaker, Vulnerable Adult Symposium, Proposed Legislative Changes, 2003
- Co-Chair, Vulnerable Adult Symposium, 2002
- Adjunct Professor, University of Puget Sound School of Law, Legal Writing Program

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Certificate of Completion

King County Bar Association

EILEEN S. PETERSON

**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