


**RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
TITLE 26 PARENTING INVESTIGATOR/GUARDIAN AD
LITEM CERTIFIED REGISTRY**

This application is for Guardians ad Litem currently serving on the Pierce County Superior Court Title 26 Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem Certified Registry.

THIS IS PUBLIC INFORMATION

This is my **renewal** application to serve as a Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem in Pierce County, State of Washington, as required under Title 26. 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: 03/19/09 Signature: 

WSBA # and Year Admitted: #20166 1990

Printed Name: DOLORES K. SARANDOS

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Bilingual: N/A If so, in what language(s): _____

Please list all trainings attended during the past year: (include Date, Sponsor, and Topic)

Monthly training at Pierce County Superior Court. Topics included Interviewing Children; obtaining materials/reports from the Military; obtaining information/reports from CPS; dealing w/abused children; timelines

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 26.09 Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem Certified Registry in **Pierce County**. Please list any years where there was a break in service:

1998. No break in service.

B. Number of appointments you have received as a Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem and all counties eligible for appointment during the last year, 1/1/08 to 12/31/08:

PIERCE: 31

Eligible to be appointed in King County.

C. Percentage of your total case load that RCW 26 Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem work represents overall: **38%**

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:
03/31/09

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 . If **yes**, please explain.

F. The number of times you have been removed for failure to adequately perform duties as Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem or for any 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. **NONE.**

I also certify the following:

G. 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

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

AGREE DISAGREE _____

I. 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 _____

J. I have read and understand the applicability to me and agree to be bound and governed by the Pierce County Superior Court Administrative Policy #1 for the Title 26 Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem Certified Registry.

AGREE DISAGREE _____

K. I have read, signed, returned, and understand the applicability to me of the Pierce County Superior Court Administrative Policy # 2 Title 26 Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem Code of Conduct and agree to be bound and governed by the Code of Conduct.

AGREE DISAGREE _____

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

AGREE DISAGREE _____

If you disagree for **any** answer (G-L), please explain in full:

I certify that I have thoroughly studied the provisions and requirements of Title 26 and Superior Court Guardian ad Litem Rules and believe I am fully qualified to be appointed as a Parenting Investigator/ Guardian ad Litem in Pierce County, Washington.


Signature

MARCH 19, 2009
Date of signing

DOLORES K. SARANDOS
Print Name

TACOMA, WA
Place of signing

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POLICY 2

**PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
RCW 26.09.220 AND RCW 26.12.175
PARENTING INVESTIGATOR/GUARDIAN AD LITEM CODE OF CONDUCT**

All Parenting Investigator/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 Parenting Investigator/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 Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem shall maintain the ethical principles of their own profession in addition to compliance with this Code of Conduct.
3. The Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem shall promptly advise the court of any grounds for disqualification or unavailability to serve.
4. The Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem shall avoid self-dealing or association from which the Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem might directly or indirectly benefit, other than from compensation as a Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem.
5. The Parenting Investigator/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 Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem must be reported to the court.
6. All records, including contemporaneously maintained time and expense records, of the Parenting Investigator/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. The Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem shall be available to testify if called by a party.
8. Once admitted to the RCW 26.09 Certified Registry, all Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem's shall fully comply with all continuing education requirements established under Pierce County Local Rules and GALR, as amended.

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

Law Office Of
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EDUCATION:

University of Puget Sound School of Law
J.D. 1990

University of Puget Sound
B.A. - Honors/History

**ADDITIONAL
TRAINING:**

CERTIFIED MEDIATOR

Pierce County Dispute Resolution Center
University of WA Mediation (40 hours)

GUARDIAN AD LITEM PIERCE COUNTY w/certification
RCW 11.88 & RCW 26.09 REGISTRY

GUARDIAN AD LITEM KING COUNTY w/certification
RCW 11.88 & RCW 26.09 REGISTRY

EXPERIENCE:

LAW OFFICE OF DOLORES K. SARANDOS

Sole practitioner since December 1995 practicing
Personal Injury, contract law, bankruptcy,
RCW 11.88 AIP guardianships, GAL Minor
Settlements; RCW 26.09 GAL/P.I. Registry.

As GAL under RCW 26.09, have testified
extensively in family law custody disputes.
Investigating and filing reports with the court
under this statute requires extensive knowledge
of current case law regarding custody,
visitation issues, as well as major and minor
modifications to existing parenting plans.

Member of Pierce County Department of Assigned
Counsel Panel for Dependency cases since 1997;
represent family members in custody and
visitation matters, as well as at-risk youths,

at Shelter Care Hearings; Fact Findings; Reviews and Termination Trials.

LITIGATION experience includes drafting Interrogatories, taking depositions, writing Pre-hearing statements of proof, trial briefs and participation in trials, arbitrations and Mediations.

On the GAL Registry for RCW 11.88 cases since 1996 which includes investigation, interviews and preparation of reports to the court as well as testifying at hearings; have also been appointed as counsel for AIPS to represent their interests at hearings and trials and to investigate billings submitted by appointed guardians to insure appropriateness of charges.

ARBITRATION/MEDIATION: Successfully arbitrated over fifty personal injury cases; successfully mediated numerous personal injury cases including a medical malpractice settlement for over \$1,000,000; trial experience in personal injury and dependency cases as well as Civil Commitment cases.

LAW OFFICE OF LEONARD W. MOEN & ASSOCIATES:
Interned from 1986 through 1990 while attending Law school.

1990 through 1995, attorney and manager of the Tacoma office, individually handling sixty to seventy-five personal injury cases at all times while supervising 2 to 3 attorneys and 6 support staff. Conducted all interviews for incoming clients; was responsible for all hiring and firing of support staff. Conducted weekly staff/status meetings to insure awareness of statute of limitations and deadlines. Reviewed all files on a monthly basis.

PIPELINE RENOVATION SERVICE:

Co-owned and managed pipeline renovation and construction company bidding and performing government contracts throughout the United States. This included preparation of bids, review of contracts and change orders. Attended all meetings pertaining to contracts with engineers and city/military officials. On-site

management of 10-20 man construction crew;
purchase and rental of construction equipment and
responsible for meeting all OSHA requirements.
Contracts ranged from \$100,000 to \$3,000,000.

UNITED STATES NAVY JAG OFFICE:

Investigator and legal support staff manager at
Lemoore Naval Air Station offering services to
over 10,000 military families stationed on base.

Duties included working with Senior JAG Officer
on all MIA issues (Secret clearance required);
Liaison with families of MIA/KIA personnel;
Assisted at court-martials and administrative
hearings; preparation of wills and other documents
for military personnel.

**MEDIATION
EXPERIENCE:**

Mediation experience at District Court for Small
Claims since 1996 for landlord-tenant issues,
contract disputes, personal injury claims.

Certified Mediator at Pierce County Dispute
Resolution Center since 1996 for family law
matters, contract disputes, property issues,
personal injury claims.

Participated in Settlement Conference Days.

VOLUNTEER:

Pierce County Tacoma Bar Association Volunteer
Legal Service Committee for 1996-1997.

Pierce County Tacoma Bar Association Judicial
Qualifications/Evaluation Committee for 1999/2000
and 2001/2002/2003; 2001/2003 GAL Committee;
Mentor for in-coming GALS.