

**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: February 22, 2009

Signature: _____

WSBA # and Year Admitted: WSBA # 17410 Admitted 1987

Printed Name: Candace Saunders Zygar

- Business Address: 6404 Five Views Road
- City: Tacoma State: Washington 98407-1338
- E-Mail Address: candace.zygar@comcast.net
- Business Telephone Number: 253.756.5332 FAX: 253.761.9516

Bilingual: No 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) King County Bar Association
(Address) 1200 Fifth Ave. Ste. 600, Seattle, WA 98101
(County) King (Dates) May 28-29, 1998
(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. 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

1998

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:

37 – Pierce County

C. Percentage of your total case load that RCW 11.88 Guardian ad Litem work represents overall: 50 %

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:

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 **XXX**. 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 .

As a social worker in Oregon & Canada I delivered financial, social & health services to eligible children, families, elderly, and disabled adults, participated in training on interpersonal relationships, ethnic, cultural, and regional diversity, and was specially trained in documentation, record keeping, human services time management, and program delivery.

In delivery of Alberta's Handicapped Children's Services I served a geographical area that encompassed several Cree Indian Reserves [one of the largest American Indian groups in North America]. In adoptions I have served as a Guardian ad Litem for unborn children of mentally ill birth mothers, relinquishing mothers suffering from severe substance abuse and other disabilities, and minor birth mothers and fathers. I have been an attorney for alleged incompetents in guardianship, competency, and dependency hearings. On a personal level I assisted my father with his medical & financial decisions arising out of his age-onset Parkinson's Disease until his death at 85. I continue to assist with care & financial decisions for my 86 year old mother, who has Alzheimer's Disease.

I) 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.

PCBA Annual Guardianship Seminars, November 2007, November 2006, November 2005, November 2004.
Pitfalls of Guardianship Practice, November 2003
Certified Guardian Training, October 2002
Guardianships & Related Issues, September 2001
Guardianships: There is more to them than paying the bills, April 2000
Sale of Guardianship Property, Litigations Issues, & Adult Protective Services, October 1999
Nuts & Bolts of the GAL Report, July 1999
Less Restrictive Alternatives to Guardianships, June 1998
GAL Training in Guardianships, November 1991
Guardianships in 1991, December 1990

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 XXX DISAGREE _____

H. My normal hourly rate is \$ 200. My hourly rate to serve as Guardian ad Litem in guardianships is \$200 unless county pay.

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 XXX DISAGREE _____

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

AGREE XXX 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 XXX 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 XXX 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 XXX DISAGREE _____

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

AGREE XXX 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

Candace Saunders Zygar
Print Name

February 22, 2009
Date of signing

Tacoma, Washington
Place of signing

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POLICY 4

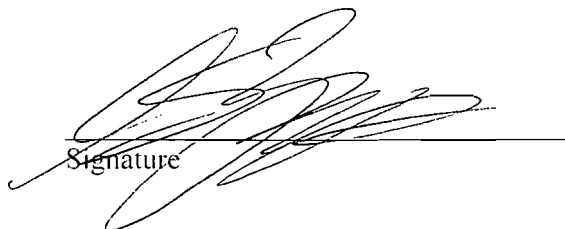
**PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
RCW 11.88 GUARDIAN AD LITEM
CODE OF CONDUCT**

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

02/22/2009
Date


Signature

CURRICULUM VITAE
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LICENSE AND EDUCATION

Admitted to the Washington State Bar 1987

Juris Doctor (*Cum Laude*) June 1987
University of Puget Sound School of Law
[now known as Seattle University School of Law]

Early Entry Achievement Scholarship
Externship with the Bench of Thurston County Superior Court

Masters Public Administration, May 1983
[Emphasis in Human Services Administration]
Boise State University, Boise, Idaho

Honors
Whittenberger Fellowship
Departmental Nomination
Top Student of the Class

Bachelor of Science [Sociology/Anthropology], June 1971
Eastern Oregon University, La Grande, Oregon
Scholastic Scholarships

EMPLOYMENT

Candace Saunders Zygar, Attorney at Law

Tacoma, WA 1994-2006: Sole Practitioner in the areas of adoption, personal injury, and guardianship. Court approved Guardian ad Litem for guardianships, adoptions, minor's personal injury settlements, and for minors in probate proceedings.

2007-present: Practice limited to adoptions, and RCW 11.88 Guardian ad Litem Services; Pierce County Superior Court contract Guardian ad Litem for RCW 11.88 indigent guardianship matters.

Tacoma, WA 1989-1990: Personal injury, adoption, family law, practice with participation on the Department of Assigned Counsel's dependency panel, and juvenile criminal cases. Guardian ad Litem for minor's in adoptions, family law, and personal injury cases.

Law Offices of Sverre O. Staurset, P.S.

Tacoma, WA 1990-1993, Associate attorney. My caseload included personal injury, adoptions, family law, participation on the Department of Assigned Counsel's dependency panel, guardianship, probate, and school law cases. Assisted with the firm's business and criminal cases.

Law Offices of Bruce D. Kelley

Tacoma, WA 1988-1990, Contract attorney for personal injury, dependency, and adoption cases. Served as guardian ad litem in personal injury, family law and adoptions.

Law Offices of Leonard W. Moen & Associates

Tacoma and South Center, WA Offices, 1987-1988, Associate Attorney in personal injury law firm.

1984-1987. Legal assistant/legal intern. Provided legal research and legal writing services, client contact, and litigation support while a full time law student.

Alberta Social Services

Grande Prairie, Alberta, Canada 1975-1981, Social Worker. Provided full spectrum of social work services, for foster care, child protection, handicapped and refugee children's programs, disabled adults/elder services, adoptions [assisted with preparation of the province's first Adoption Services Manual], and programs for unmarried mothers. Delivered social, financial, and health referral services to the area's Cree Indian Reservations.

Oregon Public Welfare Administration

Union and Wallowa Counties, Oregon. Area Supervisor 1974-75. Financial Assistance Worker 1972-74. Delivered public assistance and social services programs to families, disabled and blind adults, and nursing home residents for two large rural farming/logging counties.

Certificate of Completion

King County Bar Association

Candace Zygar

**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