

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: 3/20/09 Signature: Susan Weitzel

WSBA # and Year Admitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: Susan Weitzel

Business Address: ~~2222~~ PO Box 5025

City: TACOMA State: WA Zip Code: 98419

E-Mail Address: sweitzel@centurytel.net

Business Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

Bilingual:  If so, in what language(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

- ① All monthly trainings in Pierce County Superior Court  
Accept for December as due to snow
- ② Parenting Plans - 3/10/09 by King Co Bar Assoc

**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: *1999*

**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: *30*

**C.** Percentage of your total case load that RCW 26 Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem work represents overall: *70%*

**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:

\_\_\_\_\_ *Attached*

**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.** 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:**



**POLICY 2**

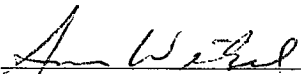
**PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
RCW 26.09.220 AND RCW 26.12.175  
PARENTING INVESTIGATOR/GUARDIAN AD LITEM CODE OF CONDUCT**

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.

3/20/09  
Date

  
Signature

**SUSAN WEITZEL, MA  
PO BOX 8025  
TACOMA, WA 98419  
253-853-5895 OFFICE  
253-857-8395 FAX**

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- \* Masters Degree in Marriage & Family Therapy
- \* Several years experience in marital & family therapy, mediation, dissolution, parenting, domestic violence, sexual abuse, neglect, persons with special needs, and older adult services.
- \* Visitation Supervisor since 2000.
- \* Medical Assistant for fifteen years.
- \* Early Childhood Education for five years.
- \* Guardian ad Litem since 1999.

### **EDUCATION**

Pacific Lutheran University  
Tacoma, WA

Marriage & Family Therapy  
Masters Degree, 1992

The Evergreen State College  
Olympia, WA

Human Health & Behavior  
& Sociology  
Bachelors Degree, 1988

Pacific College  
San Diego, CA

Medical Assistant  
Graduated, 1975

### **POST GRADUATE EDUCATION**

Portland Family Institute  
Lake Oswego, OR

Adv. Problem Solving Therapy  
Completed 20 Hours, 06/1994

Problem Solving Therapy  
Completed 24 Hours, 06/1993

### **PROFESSIONAL GUARDIAN**

King County Bar Association  
Yakima, WA

Professional Guardian  
Certification Training 09/2003