

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 RCW 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 RCW 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.

Signed in: Tacoma (City), Washington on 03/22/2018 (date)

Signature: J. Alece Cox

WSBA # and Year admitted to practice law: 13460, 1983

Printed Name: J. Alece Cox

Business Address: 8849 Pacific Avenue

City: Tacoma State: WA Zip Code: 98444

E-Mail Address: alececox@gmail.com

Business Telephone Number: (253) 535-2211 FAX: (253) 535-2216

Bilingual: Yes 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): 11/16/2017 Tacoma-Pierce 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) 120 5th Ave, Ste 600, Seattle, WA

(County) King (Dates) May 1995

(Phone) (206) 267-7004

NOTE: Only this application may be utilized. A checklist is included since late and incomplete 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 16, 2018 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.

The first year the panel was formed I began serving on it. I have had no interruption in service.

B. Number of appointments you have received as an 11.88.090 Guardian ad Litem and all counties of appointment during the last Registry year, March 17, 2017 to present, if served on any other county Guardian ad Litem Registry:

Appointments in Pierce County:

Appointments in _____ County:

Appointments in _____ County:

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

D. Criminal history, as defined in RCW 9.94A.030: A current (dated on or after January 1, 2018) 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

E. Have you been named as a defendant or respondent in any case involving allegations of domestic violence or anti-harassment? Yes No .
If yes, state the date, name of the court, court cause number, summary of the allegations, and the disposition of the case. (Limit of 500 chars, continue on last page of application if needed)

F. Have you been named as a petitioner or witness in any civil or criminal proceedings involving domestic violence or anti-harassment? Yes No .
If yes, state the date, name of the court, court cause number, summary of the allegations, and the disposition of the case. (Limit of 500 chars, continue on last page of application if needed)

G. 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. If the removal was within the last year, March 2017-March 2018, attach all relevant documents from the court file along with a copy of the court order. (Limit of 200 chars, continue on last page of application if needed)

None

2) Please list here the current March 2016-March 2017 trainings you have attended, the month/year attended and the materials covered. Your attached resume should indicate a history of all relevant trainings you attended.

(Limit of 200 chars, continue on last page of application if needed)

Please see attached sheet re: Training I have attended.

I also certify the following:

H. 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

I. My normal hourly rate is \$280-\$300. My hourly rate to serve as an 11.88.090 Guardian ad Litem in guardianships is \$250.

J. 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

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

AGREE DISAGREE

L. 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

M. 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

N. 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

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

AGREE DISAGREE

If you disagree for any above (H-O) please explain in full on a separate page and attach it to your application materials.

P. Please provide full disclosure of the following:

(If you require more space please use the Addendum page of this application and identify the letter and number for the continued text)

1) Any felony convictions or any convictions involving theft, dishonesty, or moral turpitude.

None

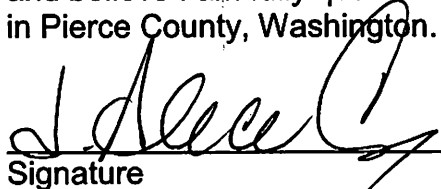
2) Suspension or revocation of professional certification or license.

None

3) Pending investigation of action for either 1 or 2 above.

None

I certify that I have thoroughly studied the provisions and requirements of RCW Title 11 and believe I am fully qualified to be appointed as Guardian Ad Litem for Guardianships in Pierce County, Washington.


Signature

J. Alece Cox
Print Name

03/22/2018
Date of signing

Tacoma, WA
Place of signing

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RESUME OF J. ALECE COX

Counsell, Murphy & Cox, P.S.
8849 Pacific Avenue
Tacoma, WA 98444

Employment:

Counsell, Murphy & Cox, P.S., Tacoma, Washington, 1990 to present time.
Attorney/partner. Areas of practice: family law, guardianship, probate,
personal injury and other general areas of law.

Hendricks & Lewis, P.S., Seattle, Washington, 1986 – 1990. Associate. Areas of practice:
civil litigation and family law.

Carney, Stephenson, Badley, Smith, Mueller & Spellman, P.S., Seattle, Washington, 1983 –
1986. Associate. Areas of practice included civil litigation, business and
legislative.

Eastside Community Mental Health Center, Bellevue, Washington, 1974 to 1980. Assistant
Director, Intermediate Care Division and Coordinator of Elderly Services Project
and Developmentally Disabled Program. Responsibilities: program management,
staff training and supervision, clinical services, and community relations and
consultation.

Degrees:

Seattle University School of Law (formerly University of Puget Sound School of Law),
J.D., 1983

San Francisco State University, M.A., Educational Counseling, 1974

University of California, Berkeley, A.B., Psychology, Phi Beta Kappa, 1972

Professional Associations and Memberships:

Bar Admissions:

State of Washington, 1983

United States District Court, Western District of Washington, 1983

United States District Court, Eastern District of Washington, 1983

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 1987

Memberships:

Washington State Bar Association

Pierce County Bar Association

G-2 - Trainings I have attended:

Since 2005, I have attended the following CLEs:

May 2005 – Title 11 GAL Training;

May 2005 – Family Law Update;

November 2005 – 4th Annual Guardianship Seminar;

January 2006 – Elder Law at the Crossroads;

March 2006 – Guardianship Proposed Changes;

April 2006 – Casemaker Research Database;

May 2006 – Title 11 GAL Training;

October 2006 – Proper Care and Feeding of the Parenting Investigator;

November 2006 – 5th Annual Guardianship Seminar;

December 2006 – Judicial Skit Night;

January 2007 – Mastering PowerPoint ;

April 2007 – Guardianship Committee;

May 2007 – Title 11 GAL Training;

May 2007 – Trial Storytelling Workshop;

July 2007 – Strategies and Solutions for Meeting the Challenge;

September 2007 – Guardianship of Marshall;

October 2007 – Collaborative Law & Guardianship Practice;

November 2007 – 7th Annual Guardianship Seminar;

February 2008 – Vulnerable Adult Protection Orders;

May 2008 – Title 11 GAL Training;

May 2008 – Guardianship Committee: Payment of Fees and the New Cap Fee;

March 2009 – The Sixth Annual Trust and Estate Litigation Seminar;

April 2009 – Title 11 GAC Training (Re - Certification); and

March 2010 – Family Law Section – “Show Your Love”.

May 2010 – Title 11 GAL Training

October 2010 – Neighborhood Battles - Dealing with Warring Neighbors.

December 2010 – Ethics and Professionalism-An Ethical Minimum

May 2011 – Title 11 GAL Training

April 2012 – Title 11 GAL Training

October 2012 – Pierce County Center for Dispute Resolution, Basic Mediation Training

November 2012 – Burning Topics and Concerns (Title 11 GAL Training)

2013 Collaborative Law (guardianship and Probate) monthly

November 2013 – 12th Annual Guardianship Seminar

November 2014 – 13th Annual Guardianship Seminar

November 2015 – 14th Annual Guardianship Seminar

November 2016 – 15th Annual Guardianship Seminar

November 2017 – 16th Annual Guardianship Seminar



16th Annual Guardianship Seminar

Thursday, November 16, 2017

Certificate of Training

Awarded for successful completion of seminar to:

J. Alece Cox



Seminar sponsored by:

Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association Guardianship Committee

6.50 WSBA Credits Approved (5.00 Law/Legal, .75 Improvement to the Legal System, .75 Ethics) Activity #1053877

6.50 CPG Credits Approved (5.00 general, .75 Ethics, .75 Diversity)

Kit Kasner, Executive Director
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association
11/16/17



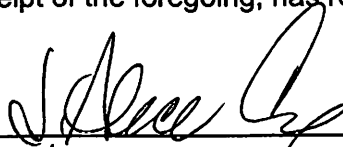
Policy 4: Pierce County Superior Court RCW 11.88 Guardian Ad Litem Code Of Conduct

All Guardians ad Litem shall fully comply with this Code of Conduct and the requirements of Superior Court GALR.

1. The appointed Guardian ad Litem shall decline the appointment if he/she is not qualified, competent, or able to complete the matter in a timely manner.
2. The Guardian ad Litem shall maintain the ethical principles of his/her 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, and excluding information that is confidential by law or sealed by court and as further defined by Superior Court Policy, of the Guardian ad Litem shall 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** Certified Registry, all Guardians ad Litem shall fully comply with all continuing education requirements established under Pierce County Local Rules and GALR.
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)**.
9. The Guardian ad Litem shall immediately advise the court if the guardianship case qualifies for a guardian ad litem at public expense. Before significant work is performed or time elapsed the guardian ad litem shall return the case for reassignment.

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the foregoing, has read the same and GALR, and agrees to be governed by all.

March 23, 2018
Date


Signature

[Amended effective June 6, 2016]

LAW OFFICES OF
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March 22, 2018

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Tacoma, WA 98402-2108

Received By
2018 MAR 23 AM 11:31
Superior Court Administrator

Re: Registry for Guardian ad Litem under RCW 11.88

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find the following registry application materials:

Renewal Application for Pierce County Superior Court Title 11
Guardian ad Litem Registry;

Addendum to Application;

Checklist: Title 11 Guardian ad Litem Applicants;

Washington State Patrol Washington Access to Criminal History
Report dated March 22, 2018;

Resume of J. Alece Cox;

List of Trainings;

Certificate of Training; and

Policy 4, Pierce County Superior Court RCW 11.88 Guardian ad
Litem Code of Conduct.

Sincerely,

COUNSELL, MURPHY & COX, P.S.


J. Alece Cox

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Enclosures