

**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

Print Name: Laurie Gibbens

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 02/22/2019 (Date)

Signature: Laurie Gibbens

WSBA # and Year admitted to practice law: #27973 1998

Business Address: 2661 N. Pearl St. #251

City: Tacoma State: WA Zip Code: 98407

E-Mail Address: lauriegibbens@outlook.com

Business Telephone Number: (253) 441-5425 FAX: _____

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): TBD Tacoma Pierce County Bar Association
DATE COUNTY/SPONSOR
Will enroll when TPCBA schedules it.

Please include the dates and sponsor of the initial two day training that you previously completed:
Training Sponsored by: (Name) Spokane County Bar Association
(Address) 1116 West Broadway Ave., Spokane, WA
(County) Spokane (Dates) Oct. 25-26, 2018
(Phone) (509) 477-6032

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 15, 2019, 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.

2018

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 23, 2018 to present, if served on any other county Guardian ad Litem Registry:

Appointments in Pierce County:

Appointments in N/A County:

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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, 2019) 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 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.

See Attached

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 2018-March 2019, 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 2018-March 2019 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 characters, continue on Addendum to Application, page 5)

Please see attached.

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 \$ N/A. My hourly rate to serve as an 11.88.090

Guardian ad Litem in guardianships is \$ 210.00. I would consider a different hourly rate for county pay cases.

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 Addendum to Application, page 5.

P. Please provide full disclosure of the following:

(If you require more space please use the Addendum 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.

N/A

2) Suspension or revocation of professional certification or license.

N/A

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

N/A

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.

Laurie Gibbens
Signature

Laurie Gibbens
Print Name

02/22/2019
Date of Signing

Tacoma, WA
Place of Signing

Please continue to next page.

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.

2/22/19

Date

Laurie Huber

Signature

[Amended effective June 6, 2016]



Certificate of Completion

Spokane County Bar Association

LAURIE GIBBENS

**2018 Inter-County Guardianship
Guardian ad Litem Training
October 25 & 26, 2018**

(WSBA Activity #: 1082784 & 1082785)

**Certified by the Superior Court of Spokane County as the
Statutorily Required RCW 11.88.090 Guardianship
Guardian ad Litem Registry Training**

11.75 Law & Legal & 0.50 Ethics

CLE Credits



Honorable Ellen K. Clark

Laurie Gibbens, J. D., GAL

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Over twenty years of combined legal experience as an attorney, member of the United States Navy's Judge Advocate General's Corps and a Guardian ad Litem (GAL). During my career I have conducted and supervised many types of investigations including parenting/GAL, criminal, administrative and medical malpractice. In my work as a GAL, hospital attorney, prosecutor and Navy judge advocate, I have received training in domestic violence, mental health issues, physical disabilities, victim-witness issues, child development, child abuse and neglect, the needs of vulnerable adults and the aging. I have over seven years' experience with the Navy's Family Advocacy Program and have served as the attorney representative on the FAP Spouse Abuse Case Review Committee and also on the Child Abuse Review Committee. I have seven years of experience working with children as a children's librarian and in preschools.

SKILLS & EXPERIENCE

- Experienced investigator
- Apply pertinent laws, regulations & case law to each case
- Thoughtful, comprehensive analysis of issues
- Formulate informed recommendations
- Draft detailed reports for court & parties
- Skilled negotiator
- Legal counsel to leadership
- Staff leadership & supervision
- Meet deadlines
- Presenter/Trainer
- Family Law
- Health Law
- Administrative Hearings
- Regulatory Compliance
- Risk Management
- Equal Opportunity - Discrimination & Harassment Complaints
- Ethics & Standards of Conduct
- Military Law
- Litigation Support

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Guardian ad Litem

- Interview parents, children and professionals including law enforcement, CPS, social workers, medical providers, mental health professionals, FAP and educators
- Assess children's needs and parents strengths and challenges
- Research pertinent family law statutes and case law
- Draft detailed reports for court and the parents with informed recommendations for parenting plans
- Testify at hearings and trials
- Certified as Title 26 Family Law GAL in 2013
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Attorney / Staff Judge Advocate / Administrative Law

- Served as Staff Judge Advocate (General Counsel) for Navy commands including an aircraft carrier, a hospital, the headquarters command for the 21,000 expeditionary forces and a headquarters command for 12,000 reserve sailors assigned to 19 Navy reserve centers in seven states
- Advise command leadership on all legal issues including criminal cases, discipline, administrative law, personnel law, ethics and civil litigation
- Supervise and conduct investigations into alleged criminal offenses, discrimination and sexual harassment, ethics violations

Laurie Gibbens, J. D., GAL

- Served as voting member and command representation for combined total of seven years with the Navy's Family Advocacy Program's (FAP) Child Abuse and Spouse Abuse Case Review Committees

Prosecution & Litigation

- Prosecuted felony and misdemeanor offenses at courts-martial involving rape, indecent assault, child physical and sexual abuse, drug distribution and possession, fraud and larceny
- Appointed Article 32 (Grand Jury) Investigating Hearing Officer on six criminal cases
- As Special Assistant United States Attorney (SAUSA) prosecuted misdemeanors on federal property.
- Provided victim/witness assistance in all cases
- Provided litigation support to United States Attorney's Office on Federal Tort Claims Act claims in litigation.

Health & Disability Law

- Sole attorney for Navy hospital with staff of over 1300 dispersed across four locations
- Advised Commanding Officer and Board of Directors on all health law and legal issues, including medical malpractice, civil litigation, administrative law, employment law, and environmental law
- Supervised all investigations into claims of medical malpractice, patient care, provider conduct and performance and adverse privileging actions
- Advised the Executive Committee of the Medical Staff, Credentials, Bioethics and Risk Management Committees
- Certificates in Healthcare Regulatory Compliance and Risk Management
- Trained staff on ethics and Standards of Conduct
- Member Child Fatality Review Team
- As disability attorney represented over 360 sailors and marines facing discharge for medical conditions in the Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES) which merged the Department of Veteran's Affairs process with Navy processes

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Guardian ad Litem, (GAL), Pierce County Superior Court – June 2013 to present

Captain, United States Navy, Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAGC) –
Reserve Duty – Jan 2012 to present; Oct 2009 to Sep 2010; Oct 2000 to Jan 2009

Active Duty - Oct 2010 to Dec 2011; Jan to Sep 2009; Oct 1994 to Aug 2000

Current Position – Commanding Officer, the Navy Expeditionary Combat Command Center's (NECC) Legal reserve unit – Dec 2017 to present. NECC is the headquarters command for 11 subordinate commands with 21,000 expeditionary forces including Seabees, Coastal Riverine Force and Explosive Ordnance personnel. Reserve unit supports the active duty judge advocates at headquarters and lower echelon legal offices.

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, Duquesne University School of Law, Pittsburgh, PA – 1994

Bachelor of Arts, Journalism, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND – 1986

University of Washington School of Law, Basic Washington Estate Planning Skills (28 Hours) - 2000

Certificate, Title 11.88 Guardian ad Litem, Spokane County Bar Association – 2018

Certificate, Healthcare Regulatory Compliance, University of Washington, Seattle, WA – 2014

Certificate, 120 Hour Healthcare Risk Management Course, American Institute of Medical Law - 1997

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Question G – Evidence of Knowledge, Training and Experience

Experience and training as a hospital attorney for three years, a Title 26 GAL for over five years, an attorney for over 20 years and a journalist before law school uniquely qualify me to be professional and thorough as I conduct investigations, interview individuals, assess evidence and information and present my analysis in a clearly written report.

As the sole attorney for a Navy hospital, during a combined total of seven years of experience in the Navy's Family Advocacy Program (FAP), a program that provides investigation and intervention into allegations of domestic violence, child abuse and child neglect, and as a Title 26 GAL, I have worked side by side with and consulted social workers, mental health professionals, medical providers, Child and Adult Protective Services, and law enforcement. I have received training over the years in abuse and neglect, physical and developmental disabilities, and mental illness.

As disability attorney, I worked with individuals with physical and mental conditions and disabilities and received training on how these conditions affect them and services needed.

As a Legal Assistance attorney, I have advised hundreds of individuals on estate planning. Numerous clients were elderly or were seeking assistance with elderly family members or disabled family members. Training addressed assessing competency and the needs of incapacitated persons.

I have had personal experience with the challenges aging family members' face, the difficulties in finding safe living situations, whether independent or assisted.

I am pleased to know that among my colleagues in the Judge Advocate General's Corps I have a solid reputation for having a strong work ethic and being a forthright individual with respected insights.

I understand that a Title 11 Guardian ad litem (GAL) must remain current on applicable statutes, case law and best practices to effectively carry out their duty to represent the best interest of an alleged incapacitated person

My previous experience a Title 26 GAL and as an attorney provides me with an understanding of what the Court needs from appointed GALs and the importance of the role they play as an advocate whether for vulnerable adults or children. I am confident I would be able to fulfill the duties of a GAL in a thorough and professional manner.

Laurie Gibbens, GAL -Training completed since 2018 Application filed

Date	Topic	Sponsor	Hours Approved
3/17/18	Youth Mental Health First Aid Training	Puget Sound ESD?WA OSPI Project Aware, Bellarmine Preparatory School, CHI Franciscan's Health Prevent-Avert-Respond (PAR) Initiative	8.0
3/27/18	Legal Lunchbox Series: #MeToo: Law, Policy and Community	Washington State Bar Association	1.5
4/5/18	Domestic Violence: A Primer on Upcoming Changes to the WACs	Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association	3.0
4/19/18	Personal Safety	Pierce County Superior Court In-house Training	1.0
5/16/18	Family Law Section: Social Media & Evidentiary Issues in Family Law	Family Law Section of the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association	1.0
5/17/18	Child Interviews	Pierce County Superior Court In-house Training	1.0
9/26/18	Special Immigrant Juvenile Status	TPCBA Volunteer Legal Services	1.5
10/25/18	Title 11 GAL Initial Certification	Spokane County Bar Association	6.0
10/26/18	Title 11 GAL Mandatory Refresher	Spokane County Bar Association	6.25
11/27/18	Legal Lunchbox Series: A Guide to Juvenile Defense Representation	Washington State Bar Association	1.5
12/19/18	Family Law Section: Family Law Ethics – "Family Feud Naughty or Nice"	Family Law Section of the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association	1.0
2/20/19	Family Law Section: Tax Code and Family Law	Family Law Section of the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association	1.0
			TOTAL: HOURS 32.75