

**APPLICATION / REAPPLICATION FOR TITLE 11.130 ADULT GUARDIANSHIP /  
COURT VISITOR REGISTRY**  
**Guardianship / Conservatorship / Protective Arrangement**

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- Non-Attorney     Attorney - WSBA or Washington State Certification No: 30335
- I am hereby applying to serve as a:  
 Court Visitor (RCW 11.130.280)  
 Attorney for Respondent/Person Subject to Guardianship (RCW 11.130.285)  
 Special Agent / Complex Case Appointments (RCW 11.130.635)  
 Emergency Guardian (RCW 11.130.320)
- I am willing to serve as a Title 11.130 Court Visitor at public expense.
- I have no pending investigations or action against me involving felony allegations, professional certification or license suspension and/or revocation.
- I agree to advise the court immediately in the event of any complaint, investigation or action being commenced which could lead to professional discipline, or the suspension or revocation of my professional license, or to the filing of criminal charges for felony or crime involving allegations of theft, dishonesty or moral turpitude.
- I have read and agree to be bound by the Kitsap County Superior Court Guardian ad Litem Registry Code of Conduct.

Summary of my experiences as a Guardian ad Litem/Court Visitor, including years of experience and number of appointments.

I currently serve as Court Visitor in Kitsap and Jefferson counties. I have also served in King and Pierce Counties. I have been on the registry as Guardian ad Litem/ Court Visitor since 2018. I have served as an Attorney for Respondent, Court Visitor/Guardian ad Litem, Settlement Guardian ad Litem, and Probate Guardian ad Litem. I have received over 70 court appointments.

Number of times serving as a Guardian ad Litem/Court Visitor that I have been removed for failure to perform my duties as a Guardian ad Litem/Court Visitor: Never.

- I have completed the 2-day model training program required by RCW 11.130.155 (or prior 2-day training under RCW 11.88) and have provided proof of the same with this application.     Yes     No
- I have NOT completed the model training program but will do so once the training becomes available.     Yes     No

Summary of my knowledge, training and experience in each of the following areas: Needs of impaired elderly people, physical disabilities, mental disabilities, developmental disabilities, substance use disorder; and other areas relevant to the needs of persons subject to guardianship or conservatorship, legal procedure, and the requirements of RCW 11.130.

I have a law practice focused on guardianship, probate, and elder law issues. I have served as a court visitor/ guardian ad litem during that time. I regularly attend trainings on and am knowledgeable about estate planning, powers of attorney, Medicaid, developmental disabilities and related topics. I have served as a part-time municipal court Judge since 2014 where I regularly encounter substance abuse and mental health issues.

I include the following with my application (please check all applicable boxes):

- Curriculum vitae, showing work and professional or personal experience in or related to the field that would assist in the performance and completion of Guardian ad Litem/Court Visitor duties.
- Completed Washington State Patrol Conviction Criminal History.
- Signed release of information directed to all professional regulatory bodies which have licensed or supervised the applicant within the last ten years.
- Description of nature, status and outcome of any professional complaints, investigations or disciplinary actions, lawsuits or professional liability claims, and any order for removal of the Guardian ad Litem or Court Visitor prior to completion of the Guardian ad Litem/Court Visitor duties.
- Description of any claims or litigation that has been commenced, involving allegations of improper fee charges, charges of fraud, theft or other forms of dishonesty or professional malpractice or misconduct.
- Copy of fee schedule. [See KCLGALR 5(f)(3) re: private pay limits].
- Certificate of Qualification/Training for Guardian ad Litem/Court Visitor seeking appointment under RCW 11.130;

**OR**

- I am currently on the Guardian ad Litem/Court Visitor Registry and have included a certificate of updated training taken within the last year.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2023, at Bainbridge Island, Washington.



SARA MCCULLOCH

Please mail, deliver or email the completed application, with all attachments, to:

**ATTN: Court Administrator**  
**Kitsap County Superior Court**  
**614 Division Street, MS-24**  
**Port Orchard, WA 98366**  
[fmaiocco@co.kitsap.wa.us](mailto:fmaiocco@co.kitsap.wa.us)



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**COURT VISITOR/ GUARDIAN AD LITEM STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS**

This statement is presented as required by RCW 11.130:

- A. Requisite areas of background, knowledge, training, and experience are detailed below:
  - 1. Level of formal education: B.A. Political Science (2005); Law Degree, J.D. (2000).
  - 2. Training related to Guardian ad Litem and Court Visitor duties: Title 11 GAL Certification (2017), GAL/ Court Visitor Recertification (2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023), Settlement Guardian ad Litem training (2018).
  - 3. Number of years' experience as Guardian ad Litem: 5 years
  - 4. Number of prior appointments as Guardian ad Litem (*as of today's date*): over 70
  - 5. Criminal history (as defined in RCW 9.94.A.030): None.
  - 6. Knowledge or experience in needs of impaired elderly, physical and developmental disabilities, mental illness, and other incapacitated persons: I have worked in criminal justice for 22 years as a former prosecutor and current part-time Municipal Court Judge. Working as a Judge, I am exposed to a variety of issues and problems such as domestic violence, drug and alcohol abuse, sexual assault, mental health issues, poverty, age-related cognitive decline, physical and development disabilities, and non-English speaking individuals. I regularly review mental health records and interact with mentally ill individuals in court. I am familiar with all competency proceedings in a criminal context and have dealt with numerous defendants and witnesses incompetent to proceed due to dementia, traumatic brain injuries, mental illness, or other unknown impairments. I am very comfortable working with individuals in crisis and accommodating for their needs.
  - 7. Familiarity and experience with legal procedures involving Guardianships: I have completed all required training to be certified as a Court Visitor and Guardian ad Litem; including many other non-required legal training programs on guardianship, estate planning, probate, elder law, special needs, and trusts.
  - 8. Familiarity and experience in dealing with the provisions of Chapter 11.130: I am an experienced attorney and Judge. I operate a private practice, focused on guardianship, estate planning, elder law, probate, and special needs planning. I have

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petitioned for numerous clients to establish Guardianships and maintain their reporting requirements.

B. I have been removed as a Guardian ad Litem/ Court Visitor: Never

C. I have successfully completed the model King County Guardian ad Litem training program in 2017 in Seattle, WA and Recertification in 2018 and 2019 in Seattle, WA. Kitsap County training waived the requirement for 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I attended the King County Bar Training on Minor Guardianships in April of 2021 and completed the Kitsap County GAL/ Court Visitor Recertification in May of 2021 and 2022. I completed the King County Court Visitor Recertification in 2023. I have worked as a GAL and/or Court Visitor in King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Jefferson counties.

D. I affirm there have been no professional complaints, investigations or disciplinary actions, lawsuits or professional liability claims against me.

E. I affirm that there have been no claims or litigation against me involving allegations of improper fee charges, charges of fraud, theft, or other forms of dishonesty or professional malpractice or misconduct.

I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Signed at Bainbridge Island, Washington, May 22, 2023.



Sara L. McCulloch

Signature

Printed Name

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## RELEASE OF INFORMATION

- TO:  Washington State Bar Association  
 Washington State Medical Association  
 Washington State Nursing Commission  
 Washington State Board of Psychology  
 Washington State Department of Licensing

I, Sara McCulloch  
(Professional License No. 30335) hereby authorize you, for  
the purpose of my application and/or work as a Kitsap County Guardian ad  
Litem, to release information to and discuss such information with:

Frank A. Maiocco, Jr.  
Court Administrator  
Kitsap County Superior Court  
614 Division Street, MS-24  
Port Orchard, WA 98366  
(360) 337-7140

This RELEASE OF INFORMATION includes, but is not  
limited to, all records and information concerning any official disciplinary  
action or a pending active investigation you have with regard to me.

  
Signature

May 22, 2023  
Date

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Printed Name

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FEE SCHEDULE

\$300 per hour. Willing to accept cases at County approved rates.

IRS mileage rate

(Will accept appointed cases at County approved rate or limits.)



# Certificate of Completion

KING COUNTY BAR

## Sara McCulloch

2023 King County  
RCW 11.130 Adult Guardianship  
Court Visitor/GAL Training

**Re-Certification via Zoom – January 27, 2023**

**6.75 Law & Legal CLE Credits  
Approval # 1233947**



Bridget Schuster, Member Services Director  
King County Bar Association



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VIA EMAIL: fmaiocco@co.kitsap.wa.us

Dear Mr. Maiocco,

Please find attached my application to serve as a Guardian ad Litem and Court Visitor. I am willing to serve as GAL, Court Visitor, Attorney for the alleged incapacitated person/respondent, and Special Agent for Adult Guardianships.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,



Sara McCulloch