

**APPLICATION / REAPPLICATION FOR GUARDIAN AD LITEM /  
COURT VISITOR REGISTRY**  
**Family Law - Title 26 / Minor Guardianship - Title 11.130**

Name: John Groschlose  
 Business Name or Firm: GS Jones Law Group Ps  
 Business Address: 1155 Bethel Ave  
 City and State: Port Orchard WA Zip Code: 98366  
 Business Phone: (360) 876-9221 Fax: (360) 876-5097  
 Email Address: john@gsjoneslaw.com

Non-Attorney  Attorney - WSBA or Washington State Certification No: 29104

- I am hereby applying to serve as a:
- Guardian ad Litem (Title 26)
  - Guardian ad Litem - Minor Guardianships (RCW 11.130.280)
  - Court Visitor - Minor Guardianships (RCW 11.130.280)
  - Attorney for  RCW 11.130 Minor(s)  RCW 11.130 Parent(s)

I am willing to serve 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.

On Kitsap Registry for 16 years - Some  
appointments through Title 4 One Title 11  
Total Appointments Title 26 - over 35  
Also serve as Settlement Guardian ad Litem

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: None

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

DATED this 20 day of May, 2023, at Port Orchard, Washington.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

PRINT NAME: John Groseclose

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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\*Of Counsel

April 26, 2023

Kitsap County Superior Court

JOHN GROSECLOSE

BAR

Admitted to practice in July of 1999

## EDUCATION

J.D. at Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, Washington. 1998  
B.A., History from University of Washington. 1988

## LEGAL

Partner at GSJones Law Group, PS (formerly Henderson Jones & Short PS)  
May 2009 to present.  
60 % civil/personal injury and 40% family law

Partner at Henderson Jones & Short, PS  
January 2003 to May 2009

Rundle & Groseclose, PLLC  
July – December of 2002  
General Practice

Greene & Lloyd, PLLC  
April 2000 to July of 2002  
General Practice

Graham, Lundberg & Preschel P.S., Inc.  
June 1998 to April of 2000  
Personal Injury



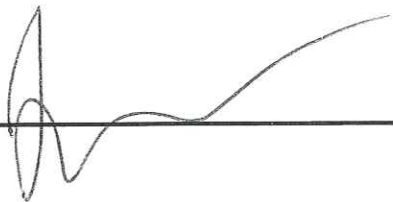
# RELEASE OF INFORMATION

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

I, John Grose close  
(Professional License No. 29104) 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 

Date 5/20/2023

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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May 2, 2023

## TITLE 26

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**CERTIFICATE  
OF  
ATTENDANCE**

This certifies that

**JOHN GROSECLOSE**

attended the Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Recertification Training Online via Zoom  
on April 28<sup>th</sup> of 2021.

This course has been approved for 6.25 CLE credits (2.75 Law & Legal, .5 Ethics, and 3.00  
Other) by the WSBA.

Joanne E. Sprague  
Executive Director  
Kitsap Legal Services

Hon. Kevin D. Hull  
Presiding Judge  
Kitsap Superior Court





**CERTIFICATE  
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attended the Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Recertification Training Online via Zoom  
on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

This course has been approved for 6.25 CLE credits [3.25 Law & Legal, .5 Ethics, and 2.00  
Other(Nexus Subject)] by the WSBA.

*Joanne E. Sprague*

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*K.D. Hull*

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**CERTIFICATE  
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This certifies that

**JOHN GROSECLOSE**

attended the Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Recertification Training Online via Zoom  
on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

This course has been approved for 5.75 CLE credits: 2.00 Law and Legal, and 3.75 Other  
(Nexus) by the WSBA.

Joanne E. Sprague  
Executive Director  
Kitsap Legal Services

Hon. Jennifer Forbes  
Presiding Judge  
Kitsap County Superior Court

# Certificate of Completion



This certifies that

*John Groseclose*

attended the

**Kitsap County Superior Court  
RCW Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Update Training**

on May 10, 2017



*Certified by the Superior Court of Kitsap County as the statutorily required  
RCW 26.12.175 Guardianship GAL Registry Update Training*

  
HONORABLE SALLY F. OLSEN

Kitsap County Superior Court Presiding Judge

WSBA CLE Credits: Application Pending



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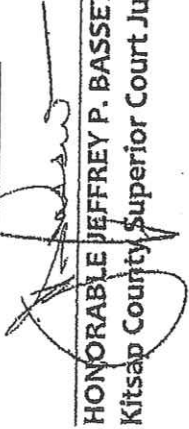
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on April 10, 2018



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HONORABLE JEFFREY P. BASSETT  
Kitsap County Superior Court Judge

WSBA CLE Credits: Application Pending



**CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION**

**John Groseclose**

Has completed the

**TITLE 26 GAL RE-CERTIFICATION TRAINING**



PRESENTED BY:

Kitsap Legal Services

ON THIS DAY:

May 14, 2019



### Guardian Ad Litem Annual Background Verification

The guardian ad litem registry in Kitsap County, Washington, verifies the following:

1. John D Groseclose (name) is on the guardian ad litem registry for the above listed county.
2. The county guardian ad litem registry maintains a background information record for each guardian ad litem, in accordance with RCW 26.12.175(3). The background information record is processed prior to initial appointment, and is reviewed annually by the county guardian ad litem registry.
3. On 4/26/23 (date), the guardian ad litem registry of this county completed a background information review for the above-listed individual.
4. No negative or disqualifying actions were found which might cause the court to reasonably believe that the guardian ad litem could be deemed inappropriate or unqualified to be contracted by the Department of Social and Health Services, Division of Child Support to provide guardian ad litem services in the above-listed county.

5/25/23  
DATE SIGNED

Frank A. Maiocco  
SIGNATURE OF COUNTY GAL REGISTRY PROGRAM MANAGER

Frank A. Maiocco  
PRINTED NAME

Superior Court Administrator, Kitsap County  
POSITION/JOB TITLE

614 Division Street, MS-24  
ADDRESS

Port Orchard, WA 98366  
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

(360) 337-7140  
TELEPHONE NUMBER

Return this completed form to:  
ATTN GOVERNMENT LIAISON  
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT  
PO BOX 9162  
OLYMPIA WA 98507-9162

No person because of race, color, national origin, creed, religion, sex, age, or disability, shall be discriminated against in employment, services, or any aspect of the program's activities. This form is available in alternative formats upon request.

**WASHINGTON STATE  
BAR ASSOCIATION**  
Office of Disciplinary Counsel

M Craig Bray  
Disciplinary Counsel

January 25, 2021

**By email only**

Joy Mourton  
18519 8th Ave E  
Spanaway, WA 98387

Re: ODC File: 20-01442  
Your grievance against lawyer John Daniel Groseclose

Dear Joy Mourton:

We received your grievance (complaint) against a lawyer and assigned the file number indicated above. The Washington Supreme Court's Rules for Enforcement of Lawyer Conduct (ELC) govern the grievance process. The WSBA's Office of Disciplinary Counsel, under delegated authority from the Washington Supreme Court, must review and may investigate a grievance against a lawyer to determine if the lawyer's conduct should affect his or her license to practice law. We are not a substitute for protecting your legal rights. We cannot represent you or give you legal advice. Time deadlines for civil and criminal cases are not affected by filing a grievance.

We reviewed your grievance and it appears you are concerned with conduct by a lawyer for the opposing party in a dispute. As a general rule, a lawyer may rely upon his or her client's version of the facts and may state facts in a light favorable to the client. Under our adversary system, a lawyer's primary duty is to protect the rights and interests of his or her client. While there are professional limits upon what lawyers may do, it does not appear that these limits were exceeded or that the court found any impropriety. We also note that additional court proceedings were initiated by your son's father the same day that you filed this grievance. The issues regarding visitation that you raise are best addressed by the court.

Based on the information we reviewed, we are dismissing your grievance under ELC 5.7(a). We will take no further action. If you do not mail or deliver to us a written request for review of this dismissal within **forty-five (45) days** of the date of this letter, the decision to dismiss your grievance will be final. Should there be a judicial finding of impropriety, you may request that we reopen this matter.

Sincerely,



M Craig Bray  
Disciplinary Counsel

Enclosure: Notice

cc: John Daniel Groseclose (with copy of grievance and Notice) **(by email only)**



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THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
FOR KITSAP COUNTY

614 DIVISION STREET, MS-24  
PORT ORCHARD, WASHINGTON 98366  
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TINA ROBINSON, JUDGE  
DEPARTMENT NO. 1  
MICHELLE ADAMS, JUDGE  
DEPARTMENT NO. 2  
MELISSA A. HEMSTREET, JUDGE  
DEPARTMENT NO. 3  
WILLIAM C. HOUSER, JUDGE  
DEPARTMENT NO. 4  
JEFFREY P. BASSETT, JUDGE  
DEPARTMENT NO. 5

January 27, 2022

KEVIN W. HULL, JUDGE  
DEPARTMENT NO. 6  
JENNIFER A. FORBES, JUDGE  
DEPARTMENT NO. 7  
SALLY F. OLSEN, JUDGE  
DEPARTMENT NO. 8  
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MATTHEW L. CLUCAS  
COURT COMMISSIONER  
FRANK A. MAIOCCO, JR.  
COURT ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Erik Borst  
[eborst77@gmail.com](mailto:eborst77@gmail.com)

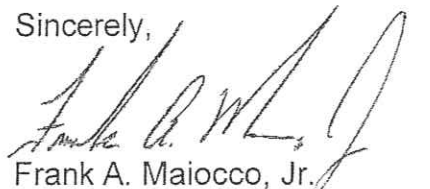
Re: GAL Grievance in Jacqueline Erskine and Erik Borst  
Kitsap County Superior Court Cause No. 17-3-00150-9

Dear Mr. Borst:

The Kitsap County Superior Court Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Committee has reviewed your grievance against John Groseclose, counsel for the Petitioner in the above-entitled case. In advance of its review, and in keeping with Rule 7 of the Kitsap County Superior Court Local Guardian ad Litem Rules, the GAL Committee also received and considered Mr. Groseclose's written response.

Following its review and discussion, the GAL Committee concluded that Mr. Groseclose was not an appointed Guardian ad Litem in the above-entitled case and, therefore, not subject to the GAL grievance procedure set forth in KCLGALR 7. Accordingly, the GAL Committee will take no further action regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Frank A. Maiocco, Jr.  
Superior Court Administrator  
Kitsap County Superior Court

cc: Mr. John Groseclose  
GAL Committee members

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# HENDERSON, JONES & SHORT, P.S.

JUNE HENDERSON  
JOHN GROSECLOSE

DAVID W. JONES

NORMAN E. SHORT

## UPDATE FOR REGISTRY

Frank A. Maiocco, Jr.  
Court Administrator  
Kitsap County Superior Court

RE: Kitsap County Superior Court Title Z6 GAI Registry

Dear Mr. Maiocco:

In 2005 a professional grievance was filed by someone other than one of my clients. I am submitting this explanation.

It is my understanding that a person complained about a property management company and its principal performing the unauthorized practice of law. During the course of the investigation of that complaint I cooperated fully with the investigator for the bar association.

Primarily I worked on eviction cases in King and Pierce County with referrals from the property management company. The property management company differed from most in that it only provided eviction help. As a result of the investigation, it is my understanding that the unlawful practice of law board (or some sub part of the WSBA) made a referral to the discipline board concerning the activities of the principal in the property management company.

The attorneys that represented the property management company were asked to cooperate in a grievance investigation concerning whether we had facilitated the unauthorized practice of law by the property management company. There was a concern by the disciplinary committee that a referral fee was being paid or that some sort of kick-back system existed. It was ultimately determined no such system existed and the grievance should be dismissed. A portion of the WSBA's response was that they did not feel they could prove that I had facilitated the unlawful practice of law. They felt that I had communicated with the property owners and had not rubber stamped or failed to represent my client's interests. They also determined that the true client in interest was the property owner. The bar association also made additional recommendations concerning letters of representation and some other practices which would help alleviate future problems and clarify any relationships between attorney and client. Our firm no longer represents the property management company and I no longer do business with the company.

Sincerely,

John Groseclose  
Attorney at Law

1155 Bethel Avenue ~ Port Orchard, Washington 98366  
Telephone: (360) 876-9221 - 866-350-5297 - Fax: (360) 876-5097  
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AUG 12 2011

GSJones Law Group, P.S.

Felice P. Congalton  
Senior Disciplinary Counsel

August 11, 2011

Vincent L. Badkin  
15140 NW Hite Center Rd  
Seabeck, WA 98303

Re: WSBA File: 11-01358  
Your grievance against lawyer John D. Groseclose

Dear Mr. Badkin:

We received your grievance against a lawyer and assigned the file number indicated above. We appreciate receiving information from the public about lawyers licensed in Washington state. However, our authority and resources are limited. The Washington State Bar Association is authorized to investigate a grievance against a lawyer to determine whether the lawyer's conduct should have an impact on his or her license to practice law. We are not a substitute for protecting your legal rights. We do not and cannot represent you in legal proceedings.

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Based on the information we reviewed, there is insufficient evidence to warrant further action; therefore, we are dismissing your grievance under ELC 5.6(a). If you do not mail or deliver to us a written request for review of this dismissal within forty-five (45) days of the date of this letter, the decision to dismiss your grievance will be final. Should there be a judicial finding of impropriety, you may request that we reopen this matter. Absent special circumstances, and unless we are provided with reasons to do otherwise, we will forward to you a copy of any response we receive from the lawyer.

Sincerely,

  
Felice P. Congalton  
Senior Disciplinary Counsel

Enclosure: Lawyer Discipline in Washington

cc: John D. Groseclose  
(with enclosure and copy of grievance)



Yes

If yes, what is the case name and file number?  
Badkin VS. Badkin case #10-3-00847-6

Explain your grievance in your own words. Give all important dates, times, places, and court file numbers. You may attach additional materials by using the file upload feature below.

Dear Disciplinary Counsel:

I am in the middle of my dissolution of marriage in the Superior Court in Kitsap County. My wife is being represented by attorney Mr John Groseclose, for whom she works.

At the time of our separation, my wife had been laid off for a few years by this law firm. And when we were separated, I tried to hire Mr Groseclose or this law firm to represent me in my divorce case and we had some discussions with them about my problem. But this law firm informed me that they could not represent me for conflict of interest. Later, my wife went to work again for the same law firm.

However, for a few months now, this law firm is representing my wife. I think this is wrong and I believe it is against the law.

I would like your help.

Thank you.  
Vincent Badkin

**AFFIRMATION**

I affirm that the information I am providing is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have read Lawyer Discipline in Washington and I understand that the content of my grievance can be disclosed to the lawyer.

# GRIEVANCE AGAINST A LAWYER



Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
Washington State Bar Association  
1325 Fourth Avenue, Suite 600  
Seattle, WA 98101-2539

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Read our information sheet Lawyer Discipline in Washington before you complete this form, particularly the section about consenting to disclosure of your grievance to the lawyer.
- If you have a disability or need assistance with filing a grievance, call us at (206) 727-8207. We will take reasonable steps to accommodate you.
- Please note that this form is only for new grievances. *If you have already filed a grievance, do not use this form to send us additional information.* Mail any additional information with your grievance file number to the address above.
- If you provide an email address, you will receive a confirmation email after you submit your grievance. *We will communicate with you by letter after we review your grievance.*

Date Received: 6/7/2012 1:41:00 PM  
Confirmation Number: 201206070001

## INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

NOBLE, JEFFREY L.  
Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial

1512 SYLVAN WAY APT A  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address Line 2

BREMERTON, WA 98311  
City, State, and Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Country

360-813-1017  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Alternate Phone Number

jeff.noble.83@hotmail.com.  
Email Address

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE LAWYER

GROSECLOSE, JOHN  
Last Name, First Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address Line 2

PORT ORCHARD, WA  
City, State, and Zip Code

United States  
Country

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bar Number (if known)

## INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR GRIEVANCE

Describe your relationship to the lawyer who is the subject of your grievance;  
Other: Conflict of Interest Cases

Is there a court case related to your grievance?



Yes

If yes, what is the case name and file number?

3- WA CASE NUMBERS 08-3-00457-6, 11-3-01091-6, AND 10-2-00745-0

Explain your grievance in your own words. Give all important dates, times, places, and court file numbers. You may attach additional materials by using the file upload feature below.

Mr Groseclose is Illegally, Wantonly, Knowingly, and Secretively representing 2 of 3 Separate Kitsap County cases that have a Conflict of Interest with each other. In My current Divorce case with Aryn HP Sexton, I am a current potential star witness for Mr Groseclose for a one Timothy Sexton- US Air Force regarding Custody of his Wa. children Samantha and Nathan Sexton who live at 896 NE Cimeron Ct. Bremerton, Wa 98311. There are Washington CPS Abuse reports I sent him return receipt US Mail upon his clients request that I have intimate knowledge of. Mr Groseclose is now Defending a one Daniel Justin Schaaf ( Army- military) against me knowing full well at the same time that he has asked me for legal information to be sent to him through his client Mr Sexton who is currently stationed in Germany regarding the Tim Sexton/Aryn Sexton case of which I have provided mailed and return receipt information of. Mr Groseclose has now, during an Arbitration on 6 June 2012, openly accused me of extortion of another Military member named Daniel Justin Schaaf stationed at Ft Lewis Washington. Mr Groseclose has advised his client Mr Timothy Sexton- US Air Force to not speak to me until after the Arbitration with me of Mr Daniel Schaaf, I have spoken directly to Mr Sexton of this matter and it is concurred that it is a Secretive, intentional and Illegal Conflict of Interest pursued by Attorney and Public Defender, Mr John Groseclose in Kitsap County, Washington. We ask that Mr Groseclose Remove himself from Case number 10-2-00745-0 and that any other Public Defender in Kitsap County not be allowed to represent Mr Schaaf and that Mr Schaaf be required to hire a Public Attorney as the Public Defenders office in Kitsap County also has knowledge of this case and Conflict of Interest. We also ask Mr Groseclose license to Practice Law in Washington State be revoked.

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# WSBA

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

Felice P. Congalton  
Associate Director

June 11, 2012

Jeffrey L. Noble  
1512 Sylvan Way #A  
Bromerton, WA 98311

Re: WSBA File: 12-01088  
Your grievance against lawyer John D. Groseclose

RECEIVED

JUN 12 2012

GSJONES LAW GROUP

Dear Mr. Noble:

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We reviewed your grievance and determined that your primary concern is conduct by a lawyer opposing your interests in disputes. A lawyer's primary duty is to protect the rights and interests of his or her client. While there are professional limits upon what lawyers may do, the available information does not indicate that these limits were exceeded. It does not appear that a court has found any impropriety.

We believe it is in your best interest, and in the best interest of the lawyer against whom you are complaining, that we tell you as soon as possible if it appears that the conduct you describe is not within our jurisdiction, does not violate the Supreme Court's Rules of Professional Conduct (RPC), or does not warrant further investigation by our office. Under the Rules for Enforcement of Lawyer Conduct (ELC), a lawyer may be disciplined only upon a showing by a clear preponderance of the evidence that the lawyer violated the RPC.

Based on the information we reviewed, there is insufficient evidence to warrant further action; therefore, we are dismissing your grievance under ELC 5.6(a). If you do not mail or deliver to us a written request for review of this dismissal within forty-five (45) days of the date of this letter, the decision to dismiss your grievance will be final. Should there be a judicial finding of impropriety, you may request that we reopen this matter. Absent special circumstances, and unless we are provided with reasons to do otherwise, we will forward to you a copy of any response we receive from the lawyer.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Felice P. Congalton in cursive script.  
Felice P. Congalton  
Associate Director

Enclosure: Lawyer Discipline in Washington

cc: John D. Groseclose  
(with enclosure and copy of grievance)