

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

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Non-Attorney     Attorney - WSBA or Washington State Certification No: 31150

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.

**I have been a Title 26 GAL since June 2014, handling parenting investigations for residential schedules and paternity determinations. I have had over 100 appointments for the various registries on which I serve. As a GAL and CASA, I have applied my 20 plus years of professional experience as a family law attorney, including those skills gained as an ALJ/ Judge as well as my professional experience working with families in crisis.**

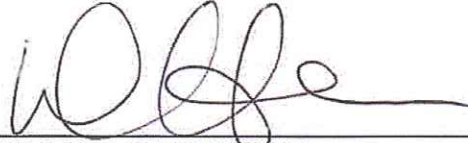
Number of times serving as a Guardian ad Litem/Court Visitor that I have been removed for failure to perform my duties as a Guardian ad Litem/Court Visitor: 0



- 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 31 day of May, 2023, at Tacoma, Washington.



SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

PRINT NAME: Desiree S. Hosannah, 31150

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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**Tacoma, WA 98409**  
**Office (253) 476-5977**  
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**PROFILE:**

I maintain a full-time civil law practice with three full-time employees. I have practiced law for more than 27 years. My practice areas include Family law, Administrative Law, Wills and Estate Planning and Elder law. I also have extensive litigation experience representing individuals in State and Tribal Courts. I have served as an Administrative Law Judge / Hearing Officer for the Quinault Indian Nation. My practice includes providing mediation services in family law and employment matters. In February 2014, I completed the Title 26 GAL training offered by the King County Bar Association. Currently, I serve as a Title 26 GAL for Pierce & Kitsap counties.

**PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS:**

**CENTER FOR DIALOG & RESOLUTION 40 HOUR MEDIATION TRAINING - 2017\***  
**MUCKLESHOOT TRIBAL COURT – 2017**  
**KING COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION TITLE 26 GAL TRAINING – 2014\***  
**NISQUALLY TRIBAL COURT – 2008**  
**PUYALLUP NATION COURT/TRIBAL BAR - 2007**  
**WASHINGTON STATE BAR – 2001**  
**U. S. DISTRICT COURT/SOUTHERN&EASTERN DISTRICTS OF N. Y. – 1997**  
**NEW YORK STATE BAR – 1996;**

**EDUCATION:**

**THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE, Olympia, WA**  
***Master of Public Administration - June 2006***

**CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK SCHOOL OF LAW AT QUEENS COLLEGE,**  
Flushing, N.Y.  
***Juris Doctor – May 1995***

**TEMPLE UNIVERSITY – SCHOOL OF LAW, Athens, Greece**  
Constitutional, Criminal, Civil and Maritime Law classes in a comparative study of Continental and Common-Law legal systems. June – July 1993

**PACE UNIVERSITY, New York, N. Y.**  
***Bachelor of Arts – Human Relations, June 1989***

**HONORS:**

New York State IOLA Legal Services Fellowship (1995-1997)  
New York State Regents Professional Opportunity Scholarship (1993-1995)  
Charles H. Revson LSPIN Fellowship (1994)  
Women's League of Science and Medicine Scholarship (1994)

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE:**

**Hosannah Law Group, PLLC (formerly dba Hosannah Lamont Law Firm PLLC),  
Lakewood, WA**

***Solo Practitioner***

**July 2007 to present**

Legal advice and representation in matters involving all aspects of family law, probate, wills, estate planning, guardianship including representing professional guardians in Tribal Courts and elder law.

**Title 26 Guardian Ad Litem**

**2014 to Present**

Conducted investigations in matters pertaining to contested child custody issues and/or dependency issues, for Tribal (Puyallup & Muckleshoot Tribes) and State Courts.

**The Nisqually Indian Tribe, Olympia, WA**

***Contract Hearings Officer/Judge Pro Tem-Tribal Court***

**June 2007 to 2020**

Preside over employee discipline and housing termination hearings as an independent Hearings Officer and over criminal matters as a Tribal Court Judge *Pro Tem*.

**The Quinault Indian Nation, Taholah, WA**

***Contract Administrative Law Judge***

**May 2011 to present**

Preside over employee discipline and housing termination hearings as an independent hearings officer.

**The Office of Administrative Hearings, Seattle, WA**

***Administrative Law Judge – ES & SHS divisions***

**June 2001 to July 2008  
(Judge Pro Tem – 8/08 to 6/09)**

Conducted impartial administrative hearings for DSHS, and a variety of other state and local agencies throughout Washington.

**The Northwest Justice Project, Seattle, WA**

***Staff Attorney – C.L.E.A.R. LINE***

**September 2000 to June 2001**

Provided legal advice, referrals and brief services to low and moderate income clients through a telephone hot-line system funded in part and supported by the Washington State Access to Justice Fund.

**The Legal Aid Society**

**Brooklyn Office for the Aging, Brooklyn, N. Y.**

**Staff Attorney**

**February 1998 to September 2000**

Provided a broad range of civil legal representation for senior citizens including eviction prevention, SSI and public benefits, Medicare, family law, wills, trusts & estates; supervised law student and college interns; and actively participated in the joint Union/Management hiring committee involving the selection and hiring of legal staff.

**Bronx Neighborhood Office, Bronx, N. Y.**

**Staff Attorney (N. Y. S. IOLA Fellow)**

**September 1995 to October 1997**

Provided legal representation in the area of housing, matrimonial and family law involving eviction proceedings, Jiggets relief, divorce & separations, adoptions, guardianships, child custody, child abuse/neglect and Article 78 proceedings; and participated in the joint union/management hiring committees and was actively involved in the selection and hiring of legal staff.

**Criminal Justice Project NAACP – Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., N.Y., N. Y.**

**Legal Intern**

**June 1994 to January 1995**

Conducted legal research and prepared memoranda of law in the area of capital punishment and related issues such as the rights of the mentally retarded defendant and prosecutorial misconduct; and jointly developed and coordinated a citywide public awareness campaign concerning the reinstatement of the death penalty in New York and its impact on the poor and people of color.

**CUNY Mississippi Project. C.U.N.Y School of Law, Flushing, N. Y.**

**ORIGINAL DELEGATE**

**August 1993 to May 1995**

Organized and raised funds for a human rights endeavor in Mississippi involving the development of an internship program for a delegation of 17 law students to work with local Mississippi attorneys and community activists investigating the resurgence of lynching in Mississippi jails; and jointly prepared a memorandum of law regarding sovereign and qualified immunity of local and state officials.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

**Tacoma Community College**

**September 2021 to present**

**Adjunct Professor – Paralegal Studies Program**

Teach various legal courses such as Legal Research, Family Law & Civil Practice to undergraduate students pursuing an associate degree in Paralegal Studies.

**Central Washington University – Steilacoom Center**

**September 2001 to March 2008**

**Adjunct Professor – Law & Justice Division**

Taught various legal courses such as Legal Research, Family Law, Civil Practice and Criminal Law to undergraduate students pursuing a four-year degree in Law & Justice.



**Medgar Evers College (CUNY) – Brooklyn, N. Y.**

***Adjunct Assistant Professor/Freshman Year Program*      September 1996 to January 2000**

Taught two to three core sections of Freshman Seminar involving basic skill development and critical thinking strategies; taught basic writing skills; and provided ongoing academic and financial counseling.

***Faculty Liaison/Worker Education Program*      May 1998 to February 1999**

Assisted in the coordination, development and implementation of faculty orientation for off-campus courses; provided academic advisement to paraprofessionals and adult-worker students; developed and conducted adjunct faculty seminars; developed and conducted enrichment seminars for the student population; and supervised support staff and college students.

**C.U.N.Y. School of Law, Flushing, N. Y.**

***Writing Assistant*      August 1994 to May 1995**

Taught weekly writing seminars for 20 first-year law students; assisted first-year seminar professors in the development of the first-year writing curriculum; and evaluated writing assignments for clarity, conciseness and legal reasoning.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

**CUNY – Medgar Evers College & Erasmus Hall High School, Brooklyn, N. Y.**

***Counselor*      December 1991 to June 1992**

Provided personal, educational and financial counseling to 100 students and their families; conducted bi-weekly teacher conferences; coordinated Parent Advocacy sessions; sponsored and supervised Tutor Training sessions; monitored Mentor/Mentee program; and co-wrote Liberty Partnership Program grant proposal.

**St. Vincent's Foster Family Services, Brooklyn, N. Y.**

***Case Worker*      October 1989 to June 1991**

Monitored 21 foster homes for abused and neglected children; and provided intensive supportive services to biological and foster families.

**Women In Need, Bronx, N. Y.**

***Counselor*      May 1989 to September 1989**

Provided individual and group counseling to battered women and their children.

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

Hon. Robert J. Bryan American Inn of Court -Member (2022 to present)

Washington Chapter Association of Family and Conciliation Courts – Member (2015 to 2017)

WA Chapter AFCC– Executive Board Member (2017-elected for 3 year term)

Washington State Bar Association – Member (2001 to present)

New York State Bar Association – Member (1996 to present)

Tacoma Pierce County Bar Association – Member/Trustee

Pierce County Minority Bar Association – Member/ President

Tacoma Community College Foundation Board – Former Member



Access to Justice Board – Impediments Committee Member/ (former) OAH Representative  
Washington Administrative Law Judges Association – Former Member  
St. Mary’s Episcopal Church & School Advisory Board – Former Member  
Bethlehem Baptist Church – Ordained Deacon/Member of Trustee Board  
Concord Family Services Board of Directors – Former Member

**SUMMARY PROFESSIONAL GUARDIAN AD LITEM TRAININGS 2014-2023**

**August 2014**

King County Bar Association  
Title 26 Initial Certification Training  
24.00 hours/3 days

**April 13, 2016**

6.75 hours - Title 26 Training –  
Kitsap County Legal Services

**September 13, 2016**

3.00 hours - CPS Safety Framework  
Jennifer Gaddis, Quality Practice Specialist, Children's Administration

**September 17, 2016**

3.50 hours - Call to Duty – Day of Service

**September 26, 2016**

6.00 hours - Presenter - Title 26 Update Advanced Training for GAL  
WA Chapter Association of Family and Conciliation Court (AFCC)

**October 20, 2016**

1 hour - Summary of June AFCC Conference Materials

**January 19, 2017**

1 hour - Family Court Judges Roundtable

**February 16, 2017**

1 hour - Psychological Evaluations & Personality Disorders  
Dr James Manley

**March 15, 2017**

1.0 hour - Anger Assessments, DV Assessments, Mental Health Assessments and Parenting  
Observation Assessments

**March 25, 2017**

6.00 hours – WA Chapter Association of Family and Conciliation Court (AFCC) Annual  
Training

**March 27, 2017, Rainbow Center**

1.5 hours - Gender Identity Training

**May 10, 2017**

6.50 hours - Family Law Issues for GAL Title 26

**June 21, 2017**

1.0 hour - Family Financial Support in Military Family Law Cases

**September 19, 2017, 10 AM - 2:30 PM**

3.00 hours - Autism, Same-Sex Parenting Considerations

**September 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 2017**

40.00 hours - **Mediation** Training – Center for Dialog & Dispute Resolution

**October 18, 2017**

1.0 hour - Youth Education and CHINS Petition

**October 19, 2017**

1.0 hour - Pierce County Family Court Judges Roundtable

**November 15, 2017**

1.0 hour - Protecting Parental Rights in LGBTQ Families

**February 3, 2018**

6.0 hours – AFCC Training (University of Washington) From Shared Parenting Schedules to Children Who Resist Contact With a Parent

**April 5, 2018**

Domestic Violence - A Primer on Upcoming Changes to the WACs  
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association

**May 16, 2018**

Family Law Section: Social Media & Evidentiary Issues in Family Law  
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association

**June 29, 2018 – July 1, 2018**

The 2018 Family Law Section Midyear Meeting and Conference  
WSBA CLE

**October 5-7, 2018**

24th Annual Bar Convention  
Sponsor: Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association

**October 17, 2018**

Family Law Section: CPS and Law Enforcement in Family Law Cases & Dependency Issues

**December 19, 2018**

Family Law GAL recertification training  
Kitsap Legal Services

**January 25, 2019**

The Basics of Representing Children and Youth in Dependency Proceedings  
Department of Assigned Counsel



**September 18, 2019**

Permanence Summit  
Pierce County Juvenile Court

**September 20-22, 2019**

25th Annual Bar Convention  
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association

**October 16, 2019**

Family Law Section: Real Estate Transactions and Lending Issues in Divorce  
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association

**October 25, 2019**

DRAW: First Annual Meeting and CLE  
Domestic Relations Attorneys of Washington

**March 11, 2020**

Pro Tem Training  
Pierce County Superior Court

**June 17, 2020**

Race Equity Foundations for Unemployment Insurance Attorneys  
Justlead Washington

**June 17, 2020**

Commissioners Roundtable  
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association

**September 16, 2020**

Primer on Minor Guardianship Under Title 11  
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association

**October 21, 2020**

Family Law Section: Real Estate and Appraisals for the Family Law Attorney  
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association

**February 5, 2020**

Don't Save the Worst for Last, How to Timely Prepare QDRO(s) and Other Retirement Asset  
Orders  
King County Bar Association

**February 17, 2021**

Family Law Section: Uniform Guardianship Act - Minor Guardianships  
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association

**May 21, 2021**

Family Law Section: Parentage & Sexual Assault Allegations  
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association

**April 28, 2021**

Title 26 GAL Re-certification Training  
Kitsap Legal Services

**June 10, 2021**

Principle of Practice: Values to Transform Child Welfare  
Pierce County Juvenile Court

**June 16, 2021**

Diversity Equity & Inclusion - Language and Lexicon  
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association

**July 2, 2021**

When Pigs Fly - Significant Impacts on Dependencies  
Department of Assigned Counsel

**August 18, 2021**

Diversity Equity & Inclusion - Cultural Competence  
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association

**December 9, 2021**

Pierce County's All Things Parentage Follow Up - Tip Sheet w/FAQs  
Pierce County Juvenile Court

**January 19, 2022**

Family Law Section: Military Pensions - Recent Developments  
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association

**February 22, 2022**

Juvenile Court: Depositions Demystified  
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association

**February 16, 2022**

Family Law Section: Current Status of the DV Laws  
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association

**February 28, 2022**

Civility: Do We Really Have to Argue?  
Hon. Robert J. Bryan Am. Inn of Court

**April 13, 2022**

Basics of Personal Injury  
Kittitas County Bar Association

**April 21, 2022**

Title 26 GAL Re-Certification Training  
Kitsap Legal Services

**April 26, 2022**

How Minor Guardianship Has Changed and Adult Guardianship Will Change Under the New  
UGA  
WSBA CLE

**May 3, 2022**

Uniform Guardianship Act: Title 11 Minor Guardianship, RCW 11.130  
King County Bar Association

**May 3, 2022**

2021 Title 11 Adult Guardianship GAL/Court Visitor Training  
King County Bar Association

**May 13, 2022**

Dependency Virtual Trials: Pitfalls and Promise of Online Trials  
Washington Defender Association

**May 18, 2022**

Family Law Section: Real Estate  
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association

**October 14, 2022**

26th Annual Bar Convention  
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association

**October 24, 2022**

Scream, Too? | The Horror of Nightmare Opponents, Clients, and Witness  
Sponsor: Hon. Robert J. Bryan Am. Inn of Court

**November 17, 2022**

Clients and Mental Health: Mythbusting, Communication Tips, and Ethical Considerations  
WSBA CLE

**October 2, 2022**

WA State OPD's 2022 PRP Statewide Conference  
Washington State Office Of Public Defense



**November 28, 2022**

From the Bedroom to the Courtroom: The Tangled History of Privacy, Liberty, and Personal  
Autonomy in American Jurisprudence  
Hon. Robert J. Bryan Am. Inn of Court

**December 21, 2022**

Family Law Section: Ethical Issues in Family Law  
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association

**January 23, 2023**

History bites: What the Character and Fitness Board cares about from your past and present  
Hon. Robert J. Bryan Am. Inn of Court

**March 23 – 24, 2023**

2023 WA Attorney Academy on Reasonable & Active Efforts  
Admin. Office of the Courts

**April 18-19, 2023**

2023 Children's Justice Conference  
King County Sexual Assault Resource Center

**May 17, 2023**

Civil Legal Aid & The Value of Volunteering  
Tacomaprobono

**May 18, 2023**

Title 26 GAL Re-Certification Training  
Kitsap Legal Services

## 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, Desiree S. Hosanna  
(Professional License No. 31150) 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.

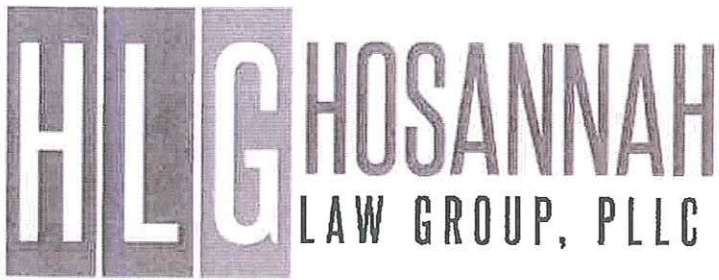
  
Signature

6/1/2023  
Date

Desiree S. Hosanna  
Printed Name

Hosanna Law Group  
Street Address  
5631 Tacoma Mall Blvd.  
Tacoma, WA 98409

City/State/Zip



**Effective June 1, 2022**

**Desiree S. Hosannah  
Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Fee Schedule**

**Initial Retainer:** \$5,000 payable by cash, money order, bank check or credit card and must be paid in full before work commences.

**Trial Retainer:** \$2,000 which must be paid 30 days prior to trial.

**Hourly Rate:** \$200 per hour for Appointed GAL, \$60 per hour for Paralegals and Support Staff; time is billed in 1/4 of an hour, including trials, depositions and travel time.

**Costs:** Printing and copying is charged at \$0.15 per page, mileage is billed at the standard rate issued by the IRS. Actual costs of gaining records, background checks, and other necessary expenses are charged against the retainer at actual cost.

**Please note:** Order Appointing Guardian ad Litem shall be authorized 2x retainer without further court order.





# CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

This certifies that

**DESIREE HOSANNAH**

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joanne E. Sprague".

Joanne E. Sprague  
Executive Director  
Kitsap Legal Services

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Forbes".

Hon. Jennifer Forbes  
Presiding Judge  
Kitsap County Superior Court