

APPLICATION FOR GUARDIAN AD LITEM REGISTRY

Family Law - Title 26

Mail or deliver the completed application, with all attachments, to:

Kitsap County Superior Court Administrator
614 Division Street, MS-24
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Name: Steven Olsen
Business Name or Firm: Olsen + McFadden Inc, P.S
Business Address: 1050 NE HASTMARV ST, Suite 200
City and State: POULSBO, WA Zip Code: 98370
Business Phone: (206) 780 0240 Fax: (206) 780 0318
Email Address: Steve @ olsenmcfadden.com

- Non-Attorney
- Attorney - WSBA or Washington State Certification No: 9601
- I am willing to serve as a Guardian ad Litem 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 GAL including years of experience and number of appointments.

Guardian ad Litem since 1996 (25 years)
121 Appointments

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

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 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 prior to completion of the Guardian ad Litem's 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.
- Certificate of Qualification/Training for Guardian ad Litem seeking appointment under RCW Title 26.

OR

- I am currently on the Guardian ad Litem 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 11 day of May, 2011, at POUILSBRO, Washington.

Steve Olsen

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

PRINT NAME: Steven Olsen

RESUME

of

STEVEN L. OLSEN

216 Ericksen Avenue NE
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110
Office: (206) 780-0240
Home: (206) 842-9376

EXPERIENCE

- 1992 - present **OLSEN & MCFADDEN, INC., P.S., Attorneys at Law**
Share Holder in General Practice, including criminal defense, probate, civil litigation, land use and family law.
Former Prosecuting Attorney for City of Bainbridge Island; former Prosecuting Attorney for Poulsbo; and former interim City Attorney for Port Townsend and Bremerton.
Frequent Judge Pro Tem in Kitsap County District Court; Bremerton & Poulsbo Municipal Courts; and former Judge Pro Tem in Suquamish Tribal Court.
Superior Court Arbitrator and Mediator.
Certified Mediator
Guardian ad Litem
Collaborative Law Practitioner
Candidate for Kitsap County District Court Judge (1998)
- 1990 - 1992 **Norbut Law Firm**
Poulsbo, Washington. Associate in General Practice, including criminal defense, probate, bankruptcy, civil litigation and dissolution.
Prosecuting Attorney for Cities of Poulsbo and Bainbridge Island.
Judge Pro Tem for Winslow, Poulsbo and Bremerton Municipal Courts and Jefferson and Kitsap County District Courts
- 1982 - 1990 **Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney**
Jefferson County, Port Townsend, Washington. Prosecute adult felonies from investigation through appeal. Assist other deputy in non-felony and juvenile prosecutions, and other juvenile proceedings. Assist Prosecuting Attorney in civil matters, including mental health commitments, land use matters, tort litigation and contract. Advise county officials.
- 1984 - 1986 **Raymond and Olsen**
Port Townsend, Washington. Partnership with Prosecuting Attorney in part-time private practice. General law practice emphasized personal injury, real estate and probate. Candidate for Port Townsend City Attorney (elected position).

- 1981 - 1982 **Deputy Prosecuting Attorney**
Stevens County, Colville, Washington. Prosecute almost all adult crimes (felony and non-felony) from investigation through appeal. Assist other deputy in juvenile proceedings. Assist Prosecuting Attorney in civil matters. Privately retained as Town Prosecutor for the five towns in Stevens County. Advise county officials.
- 1979 - 1981 **Deputy Prosecuting Attorney**
Pend Oreille County, Newport, Washington. Prosecute all crimes (adult and juvenile) from investigation through appeal, plus other juvenile proceedings. Assist Prosecuting Attorney with civil matters. Advise county officials.
- 1977 - 1979 **Legal Intern**
Felice and Clayton, Attorneys. Spokane, Washington. Legal research and writing, trial preparation for personal injury cases. Intern for Federal Magistrate.
- 1976 - 1977 **Law Clerk**
John Burke and Joseph Gervais, Attorneys. Rochester, New York. Legal research and writing for two sole practitioners, emphasized insurance defense and probate.

EDUCATION

Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane, Washington. J.D. (1979).

State University of New York, Oswego, New York. B. A. Computer Science (1975)
Regent's Scholarship

Chaminade High School, Mineola, New York. Graduate (1971) McGonnigle
Scholarship

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Washington State Bar Association (admitted 1979) Jefferson County Delegate to Young Lawyers' Network (1986-1988) Criminal Law Section Executive Committee (1988 - 1990); Panel Member, Ethics in Criminal Practice Seminar, State Bar Convention (1989); Special District Counsel (1999 - present); Fee Dispute Mediator (2008 - 2009)

Jefferson County Bar Association (President 1986) Organized Appellate Practice CLE and DWI Seminars. Lecturer on successful prosecution of sexual child molestation cases.

Kitsap County Bar Association (1990 to present) Treasurer (2007), Secretary (2008), Vice President (2009), President (2010), recipient of Pro Bono Award (1999, 2011)

Washington State Trial Lawyers Association (1994 - 2005)

Kitsap County Collaborative Law and International Association of Collaborative Practitioners (2008 – present)

Washington Mediation Association (2011 – present)

Admitted to Federal District Court for Eastern and Western Districts of Washington and Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Bayshore Enterprises - Former Member, Board of Directors, non-profit organization which trains and employs developmentally handicapped persons. (1988 - 1990)

United Good Neighbors - Former Board Member, local United Way affiliate. (1989 - 1990)

Port Townsend Rhododendron Festival - Former Board Member

Jefferson County Domestic Violence - Former Member, Board of Directors. (1983 - 1990)

Big Brothers/Sisters of Jefferson/Clallam Counties - One of Founding Board Members (1986 - 1989)

Big Brothers/Sisters of Kitsap County - One of founding board members, former Vice-President, Treasurer (1990 - 1994)

Jefferson County Recreation Dept. - soccer coach (ages 7 - 9, 1984 -1987)

Bainbridge Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence - founding member (1993 to 1998), YWCA Award co-recipient (1998)

Kitsap County United Way Board Member (1995 - 2001)

**Kitsap County Dispute Resolution Center- Volunteer Mediator (1996 - present)
Mentor, mediator and instructor, CLE coordinator**

Kitsap County Juvenile Court Citizen's Advisory Board - Board Member (1997 - 2004), Chairman (1998 to 2004)

Foster Parent Training 1998

Cubmaster – Pack 1496 (2003 to 2005)/ BSA Eagle Scout Board of Review (2007 – present)

**Vice Chairman to Kitsap County Democratic Central Committee (2002-2006)
Executive Board (2000 – 2010)**

Kitsap Legal Services – Pro bono Attorney, Award recipient 1999 and 2011

ACLU – member

NAACP – member

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church (Bainbridge Island) – former chancellor

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS
STEVEN L. OLSEN

- A. Level of Formal Education: B.A. Computer Science, 1975, SUNY Oswego, New York; J.D., 1979 Gonzaga Law School, Spokane, Washington
- B. Training Relating to Guardian's Duties: DSHS foster parent training (1998), completion of Guardian Ad Litem training program via video tape and course study, as required by RCW 11.88.090 and RCW 26.12.177. Re-took training in 1998. Attended annual Title 26 GAL Symposium (last CLE on 05/14/19) and Annual Title 11 CLE (last CLE on 05/22/19)
- C. Number of Years Experience as Guardian Ad Litem: Sixteen.
- D. Number of Appointments as Guardian Ad Litem:
96 pursuant to RCW 11.88 and 121 pursuant to RCW 26.09.
- E. Hourly Rate of Pay: \$200.00 per hour. \$3,000.00 retainer payable in advance (Title 26 only).
- F. Other Experience: Practiced law since 1979. Eleven years as Deputy Prosecutor, representing juvenile departments and DSHS in dependencies and ARPS. Private representation of clients in youth at risk proceedings. Superior Court arbitrator, Superior Court mediator, District, Municipal and Tribal Court Judge Pro Tem. Certified Mediator with the Washington Mediation Association. Active Domestic Relations practice. Scouts Volunteer.

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, Steven Olsen
(Professional License No. 9601 _____) 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.

Steve Olsen
Signature

5/11/21
Date

STEVEN OLSEN
Printed Name

1050 Ne Hostmark St, Suite 200
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Poulsbo, WA 98370
City/State/Zip

OLSEN & MCAFADDEN, INC., P.S.
TITLE 26
GAL FEE SCHEDULE

\$200.00 per hour, including travel time and costs.

\$3,000.00 retainer payable before work commences.

Order Appointing GAL should authorize up to 2x retainer without further order.



**CERTIFICATE
OF
ATTENDANCE**

This certifies that

STEVE OLSEN

attended the Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Recertification Training Online via Zoom
on April 28th 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

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Executive Director
Kitsap Legal Services

K.D. Hull

Hon. Kevin D. Hull
Presiding Judge
Kitsap Superior Court

BAR COMPLAINTS

To the best of my recollection, I have received 2 bar complaints. I do not have a copy of either complaint.

1. Approximately 1988, I was a deputy prosecuting attorney in Jefferson County. I prosecuted a young man for murder. After sentencing, the father made false allegations that I was overzealous. Complaint dismissed without investigation.
2. Approximately 1995, I successfully represented a father in a child support modification. He complained that our bills failed to credit payments. After responding that bills only showed activity for the previous month; and that payments made after the first of the month would appear as credits on that month's bill, the client apologized and withdrew his complaint.

MALPRACTICE SUITS

I've been sued once for malpractice. *Zwicker v Olsen & McFadden*, Kitsap County Superior Court No. 10-2-02887-2. Client missed statute of limitations after I advised him of incorrect statute. Case settled by our insurer.

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CLAIMS OF IMPROPER FEE CHARGES

2019 Father is contested Custody Modification case opposed approval of my GAL fees; arguing that my fees exceeded to Court Ordered Cap and that my investigation included issues beyond those raised in his Petition. Court approved my fees as requested

Haver/ Triller Dissolution, Kitsap County Superior Court No. 15-3-00834-5



Steven L. Olsen
Alton B. McFadden, II

May 11, 2021

Kitsap County Superior Court Administrator
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Re: Title 26 GAL Registry

Dear Mr. Maiocco

Please find enclosed; Mr. Olsen's completed Title 26 GAL Application

Should you need anything else, please let me know.

Yours Truly,

Amanda Crossman
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