

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

Name: Martha Wakenshaw, M.A., LMHC  
Business Name or Firm: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Address: 600 Winslow Way East, Suite 231  
City and State: Bainbridge Island, WA Zip Code: 98110  
Business Phone: (425) 478-8515 Fax: (N/A)  
Email Address: mwknghw@aol.com

Non-Attorney       Attorney - WSBA or Washington State Certification No: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

22 years as GAL. 13 yrs. Snohomish Co. 9 years Kitsap Co.  
Estimated over 200 appointments. Licensed mental Health Counselor  
Presented Interviewing Children (Kitsap Co. 2021) Certification in TF-CBT  
Attended 5-day AFCC conference (2021) voted Family Law Professional  
of the year by WSBA (2018). Dedicated to serving families of  
all cultures, races, genders, backgrounds.

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 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  
9/15, 22, 26 (Snohomish Co 2001)

- 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.

*Please see page 1 (Summary of my experience as GAL) In addition, I maintain a private mental health counseling practice I have worked with all of the above except for conservatorship. I have much experience in Relocation cases and apply the statute in my analysis. Special training in PTSD, sound knowledge of substance use disorder, per my course work at Seattle University grad school, years of experience and networking with colleagues. I have training and experience in domestic violence, child abuse and neglect and mental health disorders. I have worked with special needs children including those with chronic illness and developmental disabilities*

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; *Actual certificate is forthcoming I can attest to the fact that I completed the Title 26 GAL OR training on May 18, 2023. Ms. Spague has confirmed via email that she received my hours (8:50 - 4:15)*

- 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 20 day of May, 2023, at Kingston, Washington.

Martha Wakenstein M.A. LMHC  
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

PRINT NAME: MARTHA WAKENSTEIN

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**

MARTHA E. WAKENSHAW, M.A., LMHC  
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[mwknshw@aol.com](mailto:mwknshw@aol.com)

### SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

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- Licensed Mental Health Counselor for 25 years (#LH 00004619)
- Parent Educator/Child, Adolescent, and Family Therapy
- Guardian ad Litem and Parenting Evaluator 17 years experience
- Former Director of Therapeutic Child Center/Childhaven
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Specialist
- Voted WSBA Family Law Professional of the Year 2018

### EDUCATION

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Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology, 1988, Seattle University, Seattle, WA

Merit Scholarship/Post Graduate Teaching Assistant, Seattle University 1988-1990

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, 1979, Connecticut College, New London, CT

Continuing Education including Mindfulness Stress Based Reduction, Domestic Violence Training, Ethics, Suicide Prevention training, CBT, and DBT.

### CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

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**Martha Wakenshaw Counseling and Guardian ad Litem Services**  
600 Winslow Way East, Suite 231 Bainbridge Island, Washington 98110

#### 1991-present

Child, Adolescent and Adult Therapist. Assessment and treatment of affective and developmental disorders, trauma, divorce, grief and loss, parenting skills training, anger and stress management. Crisis management and intervention. Modalities include Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, play therapy, Mindfulness based therapy, and family of origin and grief work, DBT. Expertise in child custody and divorce issues. Legal reports and testimony. Published author on divorce, posttraumatic stress, and other child and family therapy issues. Multicultural emphasis in treatment.

Guardian ad Litem/ Court-appointed Guardian ad Litem in Kitsap County. Developmentally-based parenting plans founded on the tenants of developmental psychology and legal issues in child custody evaluations. Research-based investigative methods. Trial Testimony. Reunification and family therapist. Excellent oral and written communication skills. Child Mental Health Specialist. Client base: children, adolescents, and adults.

### FORMER CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

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**Shoreline School District, Shoreline, Washington**  
**Head Start Family Advocate/Elementary Prevention and Intervention Specialist.** April 1992- August 1998

Formulated and facilitated divorce, parenting, social skills, and domestic violence groups. Interfaced with community agencies, schools, DSHS, and CPS. Legal reports and court testimony. Home visits. Case management for at-risk children. Case management with multi-cultural populations. Counseling and crisis management.

**Childhaven, John Wilson Branch, Seattle, Washington**  
**Case Manager/Director.** May 1989-April 1992

Supervised staff members and volunteers. Responsible for agency operations. Provided intake, assessment, and treatment for at-risk children birth to five. Facilitated weekly parenting group. Facilitated staff meetings. Interfaced with Seattle Children's Hospital Psychiatric Team consultation. Part of DSHS child abuse review team to determine case disposition. Program play therapist. Child abuse prevention advocate.

### CLINICAL RESEARCH

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**Clinical Research Associate: University of Washington, Seattle, Washington**  
**Birth -to- Three Project with Dr. Jean Kelly.** April 2000-November 2000

Review of literature. Analysis of data re: early child development and low-income underserved populations. Home visits.

**Clinical Research Associate: Dr. Eliana Gil, Fairfax, Virginia.** December 2000-February 2001.

Review of literature on such topics as Posttraumatic Stress Disorder.

**Domestic Violence: How it Impact Children, Shoreline Head Start, Shoreline, WA.** January 1998- March 1998.



Grant recipient. Started program through Shoreline Head Start and Shoreline School District. Wrote grant and received grant through Shoreline Fire Department with matching grant from New Beginnings. Trained group leaders in curriculum.

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#### OTHER EXPERIENCE

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**DSHS Child and Family Services Research Assistant.** November 1986- March 1987  
**Seattle Mental Health Graduate Intern and School-Based Therapist.** January 1987-September 1987.

**Eastside Domestic Violence Program** Professionally Trained Volunteer. May 1999- August 1999

**Ryther Child Center** Caseworker for at-risk adolescents. May 1998-May 1999

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#### PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

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**Presenter: Washington State Bar Association: Clients at the Crossroads: When Psychology meet Family Law.** This presentation detailed client mental health issues and issues of domestic violence and how attorneys might best work with and represent these clients. June 2018.

**Instructor: Child Development and Court Procedure.** This course covered topics that included: child development, child maltreatment, and working with CPS, writing court reports. The presentation was geared to family law attorneys. 2004

**NPR Interview: Child Development and Trauma,** "The Parent's Journal National Broadcast). May 2003

**Continuing Legal Education Presenter. Topic: How Guardian ad Litem and Attorneys can Increase Communication.** Snohomish County Superior Court. 2003

*Seattle's Child Parenting Magazine, Feature Article: "Parenting People."* Seattle, WA July 2002

*National Head Start Journal, Feature Article: "The Joy of Home Visiting,"* Washington D.C. 2002

**National Business Institute Seminar, Continuing Legal Education Presenter and Panelist. Topic: Child Custody and Visitation in Washington.** Seattle, WA, April 2002

**Northwest School for the Hearing Impaired, Topic: Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Staff Training.** Shoreline, WA, May 2002

**New Harbinger Publications. Author of Caring for Your Grieving Child: A Parent's Guide.** Berkeley, California, December 2002. The book assists and guides parents with specific exercises to help children that are grieving.

**Harbinger Press.** Semi-finalist for the Robert F. Kennedy Book Award for Social Justice, Short-listed for Benjamin Franklin Award for First Book; **This Child of Mine: A Therapist's Journey.** May 2001

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#### AWARDS and MEMBERSHIPS

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**AWARD: Family Law Professional of the year 2018.** Washington State Bar Association.

**MEMBERSHIP: American Psychological Association.** January 2020-Present.

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#### TRAININGS

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**Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Training.** Superior Court of Washington, Snohomish County, Everett, WA. May 15, 22, and 26, 2001.

**Cognitive Processing Therapy: An Empirically- Based Therapy for PTSD and Depression for Adults.** Harborview Center for Sexual Assault and Traumatic Stress, Seattle, WA. March 22-23, 2010.

**The Arts of Mindfulness and Counseling Conference.** FACES Conferences. Seattle, WA. October 14-15, 2011.

**Family Law and Guardian ad Litem Issues.** Superior Court of Washington, Snohomish County. Everett, WA. December 7, 2012.

**Domestic Violence 101.** Universal Class Inc. January 12 – 13, 2012.

**Ethics and Self-Care Balancing our Lives and Reducing Risk.** American Psychological Association. October 2, 2013.

**Collaborative Law Training.** Seattle Collaborative Law Training Group, LLC. Seattle, WA. October 3-4, 2013.

**Suicide Assessment Workshop.** Randi Jensen, M.A., LMHC. Seattle, WA. May 1, 2015.

**Balancing Risk Management and Practice for Therapists.** Wellspring Counseling, Seattle, WA. May 15, 2015.

**Reasoning with Unreasonable People: Focus on Disorders of Emotional Regulation.** Institute for Brain Potential. Seattle, WA. September 13, 2016.

**Guardian ad Litem Title 26 Update Trainings.** Superior Court of Washington, Kitsap County. Port Orchard, WA. May 21, 2014, May 21, 2015, April 13, 2016, April 2017, April 10, 2018, May 14, 2019, April 28, 2021.

**Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction.** PESI May 9, 2021.

**The Ethics of Self-Care.** NW Expressive Arts Institute May 7, 2021.



## 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, Martha Wakenshaw  
(Professional License No. LH00004619) 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.

Martha Wakenshaw  
Signature

5/20/2023  
Date

MARTHA WAKENSHAW  
Printed Name

650 Winslow Way E. #231  
Street Address

Bainbridge Island, WA 98110  
City/State/Zip

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**TITLE 26 GUARDIAN AD LITEM FEE SCHEDULE 2023**

**RETAINER: \$4500.00**

**HOURLY FEE: \$200.00**



**CERTIFICATE  
OF  
ATTENDANCE**

This certifies that

**MARTHA WAKENSHAW**

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*

Joanne E. Sprague  
Executive Director  
Kitsap Legal Services

*Jennifer Forbes*

Hon. Jennifer Forbes  
Presiding Judge  
Kitsap County Superior Court





STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
*Olympia, Washington 98504*

May 02, 2014

Martha Nelson Wakenshaw  
712 N 165th St  
Shoreline, WA 98133-5302

Subject: Case No: 2013-5681

Dear Martha Wakenshaw:

The Secretary of Health-Counselor Program has completed its investigation and review of this case.

We have closed this case without disciplinary action due to insufficient evidence.

We may reconsider this decision if we receive more relevant information or identify a pattern of similar complaints.

The person who filed this complaint has been notified of this decision. Under state law, you may submit a written statement. The statement will be included in the file.

You have the right to request any information contained in the file. If you would like a summary of the case or other materials in the file, please submit a written request for a copy to the Department of Health, Public Disclosure & Records Center, PO Box 47865, Olympia, WA 98504-7865 or fax to (360) 586-2171.

If you have questions, contact us at (360) 236-2620 or email at [hsqa.complaintintake@doh.wa.gov](mailto:hsqa.complaintintake@doh.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nathan Markiewicz".

Nathan Markiewicz  
Office of Customer Service  
Complaint Intake Unit

cc- Joseph Hunt

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May 11, 2021

Mr. Frank A. Maiocco, Jr.  
Court Administrator  
Kitsap County Superior Court  
614 Division Street, MS-24  
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Dear Mr. Maiocco:

This letter follows my letter of September 16, 2021 re: a complaint filed against me through the Washington State Department of Health on July 28, 2020 by the parent of two former clients (siblings).

The disposition of the complaint is that I signed a stipulation on May 5, 2021 that I will pay the WA State DOH a small fine and take 6 credits of continuing education in record-keeping. No other disciplinary action was taken.

Thank you,

Martha Wakenshaw, M.A., LMHC  
Guardian ad Litem



HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS SERVICE  
ORGANIZATION PURCHASING GROUP



**Certificate of Insurance**  
**OCCURRENCE PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY POLICY FORM**

Print Date: 4/07/2023

The application for the Policy and any and all supplementary information, materials, and statements submitted therewith shall be maintained on file by us or our Program Administrator and will be deemed attached to and incorporated into the Policy as if physically attached.

<b>PRODUCER</b> 018098	<b>BRANCH</b> 970	<b>PREFIX</b> HPG	<b>POLICY NUMBER</b> 0273359656	<b>POLICY PERIOD</b> From: 02/20/23 to 02/20/24 at 12:01 AM Standard Time
<b>Named Insured and Address:</b> Martha N Wakenshaw 600 Winslow Way E Ste 231 Bainbridge Island, WA 98110-2438			<b>Program Administered by:</b> Healthcare Providers Service Organization 1100 Virginia Drive, Suite 250 Fort Washington, PA 19034 1-800-982-9491 www.hpsso.com	
<b>Medical Specialty:</b> Mental Health Counselor		<b>Code:</b> 80723		<b>Insurance Provided by:</b> American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania 151 N. Franklin Street Chicago, IL 60606
Excludes Cosmetic Procedures				

**Professional Liability** \$ 1,000,000 each claim \$ 3,000,000 aggregate

Your professional liability limits shown above include the following:

- \* Good Samaritan Liability
- \* Sexual Misconduct Included in the PL limit shown above subject to \$ 25,000 aggregate sublimit
- \* Malplacement Liability
- \* Personal Injury Liability

**Coverage Extensions**

License Protection	\$ 25,000	per proceeding	\$ 25,000	aggregate
Defendant Expense Benefit	\$ 1,000	per day limit	\$ 25,000	aggregate
Deposition Representation	\$ 10,000	per deposition	\$ 10,000	aggregate
Assault	\$ 25,000	per incident	\$ 25,000	aggregate
Includes Workplace Violence Counseling				
Medical Payments	\$ 25,000	per person	\$ 100,000	aggregate
First Aid	\$ 10,000	per incident	\$ 10,000	aggregate
Damage to Property of Others	\$ 10,000	per incident	\$ 10,000	aggregate
Information Privacy (HIPAA) Fines and Penalties	\$ 25,000	per incident	\$ 25,000	aggregate
Media Expense	\$ 25,000	per incident	\$ 25,000	aggregate

**Workplace Liability**

Workplace Liability	Included in Professional Liability Limit shown above
Fire & Water Legal Liability	Included in the PL limit shown above subject to \$150,000 aggregate sublimit
Personal Liability	\$1,000,000 aggregate

Total \$ 174.00

Base Premium \$174.00

Premium reflects Self Employed , Part Time

**Policy Forms and Endorsements** (Please see attached list of policy forms and endorsements)

Chairman of the Board

Secretary

Keep this Certificate of Insurance in a safe place. It and proof of payment are your proof of coverage. There is no coverage in force unless the premium is paid in full. To activate your coverage, please remit premium in full by the effective date of this Certificate of Insurance.

**Coverage Change Date:**

CNA93692 (11-2018)

**Endorsement Date:**

Master Policy: 188711433



# CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

Superior Court of the State of Washington  
for the County of Snohomish

This certificate has been presented to

**Martha Wakenshaw**

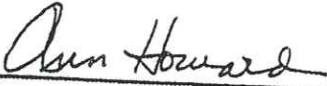
in recognition of satisfactory completion of the  
Snohomish County


Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Training Session,

held on

September 15, 22 and 26th, 2001.

Presented this 26th Day of September, 2001.

  
Guardian ad Litem Coordinator

  
Superior Court Judge

# Washington State Department of Health

By the authority of Chapter 18.225 RCW this person

**Martha Nelson Wakenshaw**



Status

**ACTIVE**

Effective Date

**04/26/2023**

Initial Issuance

**07/22/2001**

Credential Number

**LH 00004619**

Expiration Date

**06/01/2024**

Secretary