

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

Name: Kenneth G. (Ken) Christensen

Business Name or Firm: Law Office of Ken Christensen

Business Address: 335430 First Way S., Suite 102

City and State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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Email Address: _____

Non-Attorney Attorney - WSBA or Washington State Certification No: 13454

- 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.

In the last 28 years, I have served as a GAL/Court Visitor about 80 times and as attorney for Respondent or Guardian about five times. My first appointment as a Guardian Ad Litem was about 1997. As indicated below I have a wide range of appointments, at times including cooperation with law enforcement, use of provisional remedies, trial attendance as GAL, and investigations in a variety of family and living situations.

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

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Please note that my initial training was in 1996 by the then Seattle-King County Bar Association. After a two year break from this service in 2021 and 2022, I re-took the "initial" two day training for 2023-2024 in King County. The certificate for this "re-up" training is attached.

- 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.

In the last 28 years, I have served as a GAL/Court Visitor about 80 times and as attorney for Respondent or Guardian about five times. Two of the GAL cases resulted in trials where I testified and attended as a party. I have attended about 26 annual trainings. My cases have run the gamut from significantly impaired elders to minimally impaired young adults. I don't recall a court acting against my recommendations. Impaired elders I have investigated have included those suffering from significant but non-delusional dementia, others completely unable to communicate with family members who had to be discovered, two with delusional or milder but significant mental impairments resulting in a trial, and others subject to significant financial exploitation resulting in emergency provisional remedies and/or co-ordination with law enforcement. Appointments as GAL or as attorney for a Guardian included several younger Respondents/Incapacitated Persons with severe developmental disabilities, and others able to maintain at least some employment and educational plans. Three have included proven or possible substance use disorders that involved non-appearance or avoidance of court proceedings.

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.

SEE BELOW

- 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.

NOT APPLICABLE

Copy of fee schedule. [See KCLGALR 5(f)(3) re: private pay limits].
SEE BELOW

Certificate of Qualification/Training for Guardian ad Litem/Court Visitor seeking appointment under RCW 11.130;

OR AND

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 am currently on the King County Registry and have included a certificate of of the updated training for that County.

Description of professional complaint (dismissed). In Pierce County in 2015, one Vladimir Deriugin submitted a bar complaint against me. His complaint arose in connection with my action as guardian ad litem when I supported an injunction and Vulnerable Adult Protection Order against him to protect the Allegedly Incapacitated Person/Respondent. The Court granted the Protection Order and also provided similar injunctive relief in the guardianship proceeding. The WSBA dismissed the bar complaint.

Maximum hourly rate for fees in Kitsap County. My maximum rate for appointments in private pay cases is \$275 per hour.

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, 2024, at Federal Way, Washington.



SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

PRINT NAME: Kenneth G. Christensen

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

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Federal Way, WA 98003

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Accomplished and professional legal professional with significant experience in Protection Orders in Family Law, Guardianship and Vulnerable Adult cases. Reputation for personal integrity, work ethic and client compassion. Effectively represent client interests in and outside the courtroom. Seeking a position in which to apply knowledge of social services, substantive law and legal procedure with and social, personal and writing skills to directly assist vulnerable persons.

EXEMPLAR CASES AND AREAS:

In general, I have at least nine family law cases involving varying degrees of domestic violence; numerous guardianship cases (over eighty) involving varying degrees of protection, and several complex cases involving protection of vulnerable persons in co-ordination with different federal, county and city investigative and law enforcement agencies. This sometimes involves significant criminal prosecutions. Some examples:

- *In re Guardianship of Readie Coleman, and In re Readie Coleman, a Vulnerable Adult*, King County Cause Nos. 14-4-01775-5 SEA and 14-2-09631-3 SE, respectively.
- *Padua v. May, et. al.*, Pierce County Cause No. 05-2-07408-1 (recovery of funds from custodian of minor)
- *Guardianship of Tamara Adams*, King County Cause No. 08-4-02240-1
- *Estate of Jesse Aganew (Deceased)*, King County Cause No. 07-4-05872-6
- *E. Gongora-Knight v. S. Knight*, King County Cause No. 14-3-07505-1 KNT

****Padua and Adams** involved later criminal prosecutions. Ms. Padua is a current reference. Contested matters include family law trials; domestic violence matters, especially for low-income clients and Moderate Means program. I have significant experience with protective orders and discovery.

PUBLISHED APPEALS:

- *King v. King*, 162 Wn.2d 378, 174 P.3d 659 (2007)
- *In Re Marriage of Rusch*, 124 Wn.App. 226, 98P.3d 1216 (Div'n. I, 2004)
- *In Re Marriage of Foran*, 67 Wn. App. 242, 834 P.2d 1081 (Div'n. I, 1992)

WORK HISTORY:

INDEPENDENT PRACTICE

Attorney

Seattle, WA

- Probate
- Family Law

- Limited foreclosure relief
- Residential /real estate issues

- Appellate work (emphasis on Family Law)

MEDICAL LEGAL CONSULTANTS OF WASHINGTON

Associate Attorney

- Preparation, negotiation and settlement of plaintiffs' personal injury claims

THE HONORABLE ROBERT WINSOR, GARY LITTLE, AND OTHERS KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Bailiff

Seattle, WA

- Administrative support work in all types of courts
- Maintained calm and professional attitudes during stressful court proceedings
- Respected confidentiality with highly sensitive information

- Prepared, processed, and explained necessary court documents and schedules to litigants
- Supervised custody and care of jurors from voir dire to deliberation
- Keeps current on changing court technology, policies, and procedures

STANLEY MICHAELS,
CITY COUNCILMAN

Staff Assistant

New York, NY

- Performed research and drafted Energy Conservation Code for apartments

HART and HUME

Associate

New York, NY

- Suretyship defense for construction contracts

EDUCATION:

- BOSTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, J.D.
- BROWN UNIVERSITY, A.B.
- UNIVERSITY OF FREIBURG
- SAMMAMISH HIGH SCHOOL

Boston, MA
Providence, RI
Freiburg, Germany
Bellevue, WA

AFFILIATIONS/BAR ASSOCIATIONS:

- Washington (Current)
- New York (Former)
- Massachusetts (former)

ARTICLES:

“An Uncommon Advocate for the Common Man”; Profile of Ken MacDonald (MacDonald, Hoague and Bayless), KCBA Newsletter

“Local Regulation of Recombinant DNA Research . . . Only for Accidents? ”; Lead Article, *Medicolegal News*, (American Society of Law and Medicine, Inc.) Prof. George J. Anna, Editor-in-Chief.

ACTIVITIES:

- Prior Rule IX supervisor for University of Washington law students
- Lecturer, Title XI GAL Training
- Research: Team response to Domestic Violence and Vulnerable Adults.

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, Kenneth G. Christensen
(Professional License No. WSBA 13454) 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 29, 2024
Date

Kenneth G. Christensen
Printed Name

33530 First Way S., Ste. 102
Street Address

Federal Way, WA 98003
City/State/Zip

Certificate of Completion

This certificate is presented by Community Guardians and certifies that

Kenneth Christensen

Has successfully completed

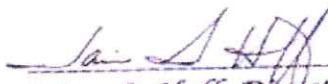
2024 Title 11 Court Visitor Recertification Training

This 7th day of May, 2024



Community Guardians

*Jennifer Mick, CPG - Kirsten Murray, CPG -
Jaime S. Huff, JD, CPG - Denise Hughes, RN - Gale McKiernan
Board of Directors*


Jaime S. Huff, Director

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Certificate of Completion
KING COUNTY BAR

Kenneth Christensen

2024 King County
RCW 11.130 Adult Guardianship
Court Visitor/GAL Training

Re-Certification– April 19, 2024

**5.75 Law & Legal, 1.0 Ethics CLE Credits
Approval #2019221**



Bridget Schuster, Member Services Director
King County Bar Association

Certificate of Completion

KING COUNTY BAR

Kenneth Christensen

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

Initial Certification (Two Day) via
**RECORDED PROGRAM (not live) – January
27, 2023**

7.0 Law & Legal CLE Credits
Approval # 1237076

6.75 Law & Legal CLE Credits
Approval # 1237747



Bridget Schuster, Member Services Director
King County Bar Association