

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

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Non-Attorney Attorney - WSBA or Washington State Certification No: 23623

- 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.

I do not have experience as a Court Visitor. In approximately 1994, I was assigned as GAL on three paternity cases through the Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. I also received my certification as a GAL that year, however, did not maintain certification thereafter.

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: N/A

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 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.

I served as a federal Administrative Law Judge for the Social Security Administration for 12 years until I retired from that position in January 2021. I adjudicated disability applications for claimants, adult and children, with physical impairments, mental health conditions, and intellectual/developmental disabilities. Some of these cases included co-occurring substance use/abuse disorders. I reviewed and evaluated medical records, medical opinions, employment records, and school records. I also conducted hearings which included questioning of the claimants. I had to consider not only the objective medical evidence, but also their individual life history, background, and current situation to be able to evaluate their claim of disability and its impact on their ability to function.

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;

OR

- 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 12th day of February, 2024, at Port Orchard, Washington.


SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

PRINT NAME: Joanne E. Dantonio

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

Joanne E. Dantonio
Attorney and Mediator
PO Box 156
Burley, WA 98322
(360) 447-8196

EDUCATION:

University of Puget Sound School of Law Tacoma, WA, Juris Doctor 1993, *cum laude*
Indiana University of Pennsylvania Indiana, PA, Bachelor of Arts 1982, French

RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Volunteer Certified Mediator, Kitsap Dispute Resolution Center, January 2021 to present

Mediate various matters including family law, small claims, parent-youth, and landlord tenant disputes. Volunteer temporary staff member to assist in the Eviction Resolution Pilot Program

United States Administrative Law Judge, Social Security Administration, Tacoma, WA June 2008 to January 2021

Made decisions on complex disability and administrative issues under the requirements of the Social Security law, regulations, rulings, and policy. I conducted approximately 400 to 500 hearings a year with typically voluminous medical records in cases throughout western Washington, Arizona, Oregon, and Alaska.

Assistant Regional Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Social Security Administration, Seattle, WA June 2003 to June 2008

Reviewed the disability decisions by the Administrative Law Judges for SSA for legal sufficiency and defensibility. Presented briefs and oral arguments in the United States District Courts and the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. Prepared formal legal opinions on complex legal issues regarding program eligibility on a variety of federal program issues.

Associate Attorney, Crawford, McGilliard, Peterson, Yelish & Dixon, Port Orchard, WA 1995 to 2003

Represented criminal defendants in misdemeanor and felony matters in the Kitsap County courts as a Public Defender and also as retained counsel. Represented clients in civil commitment proceedings under the State's Sexually Violent Predator law. Wrote appellate briefs and presented oral arguments at the State Court of Appeals and Supreme Court. Practiced in a wide variety of matters including personal injury, construction disputes, school discipline, in-home care licensing denials, probate, and employment issues. Bremerton and Poulsbo Municipal Court *pro tem*.

Legal Intern, Prosecuting Attorney's Office of Pierce County; Welch & Condon; Tacoma, WA 1992 to 1994

During law school, I worked as an intern simultaneously at both organizations. At Welch and Condon, I prepared briefs for summary judgment motions, arbitrations, labor union disputes, and hearing briefs for variety of worker's comp programs, in Washington, Alaska, and Federal maritime programs. I also represented clients in personal injury cases, preparing case pretrial and negotiating settlements. With the Prosecuting Attorney's office, I reviewed trial court transcripts

and the applicable statutes and precedents to prepare briefs for appeals of criminal misdemeanor and felony convictions. I also argued those appeals in the Superior Court and the Court of Appeals.

AFFILIATIONS:

Washington State Bar Association – Member

Kitsap Dispute Resolution Center, volunteer certified mediator

Kitsap Legal Services - Advisory Board Member and volunteer, prior Board Member, prior Personnel Committee Chair and Silent Auction Chair

Washington Women Lawyers Association, Kitsap Chapter – President and member

Kitsap County Bar Association - Member; former Trustee

Kitsap YWCA, former Board Member

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, Joanne E. Dantonio
(Professional License No. 23623) 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.

Joanne E. Dantonio
Signature

12 February 2024
Date

Joanne E Dantonio
Printed Name

P.O. Box 156
Street Address

Burley, WA 98322
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Fee Schedule:

Title 11.130 Court Visitor:

Court Appointed: \$75.00 per hour

To be billed for all services relevant to court order, including any travel time

Not to exceed \$ 1875.00 per case, unless additional fees are requested by motion

Private pay: \$250.00 per hour

Initial retainer: \$250.00, with an exception for complicated cases at \$500.00

Retainer to be paid prior to services commencement.

Fees and expenses to be billed against the retainer

Billed for all services necessary to perform the functions, including travel time

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SUMMARY

Year	Credit Awarded
2024	Washington State Bar Association 6.75 Law & Legal
2023	Washington State Bar Association 7.00 Law & Legal

DETAIL

Enrolled Date	Title	Credit Awarded	Certificate
1/21/2024	2023 Title 11 Adult Guardianship GAL/Court Visitor Training Day 2 or Recertification	Washington State Bar Association 6.75 Law & Legal	
12/5/2023	2023 Title 11 Adult Guardianship GAL/Court Visitor Training Day 1	Washington State Bar Association 7.00 Law & Legal	



Supplemental Responses to Court Visitor Application:

Professional complaints, investigations, or disciplinary complaints.

According to the WSBA records, I do not have any public records of Bar complaints, however, I do remember one such complaint that was filed by a claimant who was unhappy with the unfavorable decision I issued. The complaint was summarily dismissed without any response from me required.

Claims or litigation that have been commenced.

None.