

**UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
TITLE 26 PARENTING INVESTIGATOR/GUARDIAN AD LITEM  
CERTIFIED REGISTRY**

**This Updated Contact Information Sheet is required annually for Guardians ad Litem currently serving on the Pierce County Superior Court RCW Title 26 Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem Certified Registry.**  
**Completion of the full Renewal Application form is required every three years.**

**THIS IS PUBLIC INFORMATION**

This is my current Updated Contact Information to serve as a Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem in Pierce County, State of Washington, as required under RCW Title 26. I hereby certify under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that my renewal application on file is true and correct.

Signed at: Pierce County (City), Washington on 3.5.2018

Signature: 

Please **check each box** where contact information has changed since last year's application was submitted.

- Printed Name: Daria Spartan
- Business Address: 5605 100th Street SW, Ste A
- City: Lakewood State: WA Zip Code: 98499
- E-Mail Address: daria@spartanlawoffice.com
- Business Telephone Number: 253.470.8112  FAX: 815.301.1758

Please state the total number of hours/credits of training you received this year. (List HOURS/CREDITS, Date, Sponsor and Topic). Attachments may be made to show this, however you must state the total number of HOURS/CREDITS you received between last application (or 3/20 of last year) and this application.

- 3.17.2017 GAL Training, Peer Support Group- Pierce County Courthouse, no CLE's
- 3.27.2017 Gender Identity Training- Rainbow Center, no CLE's
- 3.28.2017 Symposium on our Youngest Citizens, Childrens Museum of Tacoma, no CLE's
- 4.20.2017 Abusive Use of Legal Process, Legal Voice, PC Courthouse, no CLE's
- 5.18.2017 South Sound 911, PC Courthouse, no CLE's
- 6.3.2017 Various, AFCC's 54th Annual Conference, 20.5 CLE's
- 9.19.2017 Autism and Family Law; Same Sex Parenting, PC Courthouse, no CLE's
- 10.19.2017 Judges Roundtable, PC Courthouse, no CLE's

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- 10.31.2017 Working with Clients with Intellectual Disabilities, WSBA, 1.5 CLE's
  - 11.16.2017 GAL Roundtable, PC Courthouse, no CLE's
  - 1.18.2018 Trauma 101, Apple Health, no CLE's
  - 2.3.2018 ACES, Apple Health, no CLE's
  - 2.3.2018 From Shared Parenting Schedules to Children Who Resist Contact with a Parent, WA AFCC, 6 CLE's
- Title 26 PI/GAL Certified Registry Renewal Application Revised 12/2017

My Renewal Application was last submitted on 3.17.2017  
(Completion of the Application form is required every three years.)

Number of appointments you have received as a Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem and all counties eligible for appointment during the last application/Certified Registry year ( March 17, 2017 to Present):

**Appointments in Pierce County:** 16

**Appointments in \_\_\_\_\_ County:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Appointments in \_\_\_\_\_ County:** \_\_\_\_\_

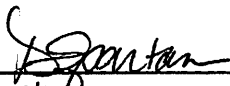
Criminal history, as defined in RCW 9.94A.030: A current (dated on or after January 1, 2018) and completed Washington State Patrol Conviction Criminal History Record must be received by the Court.

As an attorney, I would like to serve on the registry as a paternity guardian ad litem.

Agree

Disagree

I certify that I have thoroughly studied the provisions and requirements of Title 26 and Superior Court Guardian ad Litem Rules and believe I am fully qualified to be appointed as a Parenting Investigator/ Guardian ad Litem in Pierce County, Washington. Additionally, I hereby certify under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that my renewal application on file is true and correct.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

3.5.2018  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of signing

Daria Spartan  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

Pierce County, WA  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Place of signing

Please return completed Updated Contact Information Sheet, Code of Conduct, and Washington State Patrol Request for Conviction Criminal History (WATCH Report) by **March 16, 2018 4:30 PM** to:

Pierce County Superior Court Administrator  
Room 334, County City Building  
930 Tacoma Ave South  
Tacoma, WA 98402-2108

## **Policy 2: Pierce County Superior Court RCW 26.09.220 and RCW 26.12.175 Guardian Ad Litem Code of Conduct**

All Guardians ad Litem shall fully comply with this Code of Conduct and the requirements of Superior Court GALR.

1. The appointed Guardian ad Litem shall decline the appointment if he/she is not qualified, competent, or able to complete the matter in a timely manner.
2. The Guardian ad Litem shall maintain the ethical principles of his/her own profession in addition to compliance with this Code of Conduct.
3. The Guardian ad Litem shall promptly advise the court of any grounds for disqualification or unavailability to serve.
4. The Guardian ad Litem shall avoid self-dealing or association from which the Guardian ad Litem might directly or indirectly benefit, other than from compensation as a Guardian ad Litem.
5. The Guardian ad Litem shall not guarantee or create the impression that any portion of the investigation will remain confidential, and shall inform all witnesses that the information gathered by the Guardian ad Litem must be reported to the court.
6. All records, including contemporaneously maintained time and expense records, and excluding information that is confidential by law or sealed by court and as further defined by Superior Court Policy, of the Guardian ad Litem shall be made available to the parties and their attorneys for review upon request, without formal discovery request(s) being made. Copies of the records may be made by the parties and their attorneys under circumstances that assure that the file remains complete, organized and intact.
7. The Guardian ad Litem shall be available to testify if called by a party. Reasonable notice is required and funds deposited in the registry for preparation and time at trial.
8. Once admitted to the **RCW 26.09** Certified Registry, all Guardians ad Litem shall fully comply with all continuing education requirements established by Pierce County and GALR.
9. The Guardian ad Litem shall report to D.S.H.S. and the court, any child abuse as defined in **RCW 26.44.030, RCW 26.12.175 and RCW 26.12.177.**
10. The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the foregoing, has read the same and GALR, and agrees to be governed by all.

3.5.2018

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

[Amended effective June 6, 2016]

## CHECKLIST: RCW TITLE 26 GUARDIAN ad LITEM APPLICANTS

Please use this checklist to ensure that all the following documents have been included in your Updated Contact Information Sheet for submission to the RCW Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Registry.

**Note:** Late or incomplete applications and attachments will NOT be accepted for any reason.

- Updated Contact Information Sheet
- Code of Conduct (signed original)
- WSP Criminal History Record dated 1/1/18 or after

RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
TITLE 26 PARENTING INVESTIGATOR/GUARDIAN AD LITEM  
CERTIFIED REGISTRY 2017 MAR 16 11:54

This application is for Guardians ad Litem currently serving on the Pierce County Superior Court RCW Title 26 Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem Certified Registry.

THIS IS PUBLIC INFORMATION

This is my **renewal** application to serve as a Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem in Pierce County, State of Washington, as required under RCW Title 26. I hereby certify under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that my renewal application is true and correct. Please **check each box** where contact information has changed since last year's application was submitted.

Signed at: Pierce County (City), Washington on 03/14/2017

Signature: D. Spartan

WSBA # 46017 and Year admitted to practice law: 2013 (1A 2003) YYYY

Printed Name: Daria LB Spartan

Business Address: 104 W Main Street, 218

City: Pierce County State: WA Zip Code: 98338

E-Mail Address: daria@spartanlawoffice.com

Business Telephone Number: (253) 470-8112  FAX: (815) 301-1758

Bilingual:  Yes  No If so, in what language(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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23.75 CLE Credits since 3.2016: Complex Parenting Plan Issues, KCBA, 3.24.16 1CLE

Title 26 Re-Certification, Kitsap Legal Aid, 4.13.2016 5.75CLE, AFCC Broken Triangles, AFCC, 6.1.2016 8CLE

Advanced Title 26 Training, WA AFCC 9.19.2016 6 CLE, RPC Updates WSBA 9.27.2016 Ethics and new RPCs 1.5CLE Impact of Poverty and Violence on Development 2.9.2017 1.5CLE, as well as Monthly GAL Trainings Pierce County

**NOTE: Only** this application may be utilized. Late applications shall **not** be accepted for any reason. All questions **must** be answered in the order in which they are given. Answers that only refer to a resume or vitae are **not** acceptable although a resume is required and you may attach supporting materials. Please return completed application, resume and any materials by **March 17, 2017 4:30 PM** to:

Pierce County Superior Court Administrator  
Room 334, County City Building  
930 Tacoma Ave South  
Tacoma, WA 98402-2108

**THIS PART OF THE APPLICATION IS PUBLIC INFORMATION**

**A.** Please report the first year you served on the RCW 26.09 Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem Certified Registry in **Pierce County**. Please list any years where there was a break in service:

First Year:

Break(s) in Service Year(s): n/a

**B.** Number of appointments you have received as a Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem and all counties eligible for appointment during the last Application/Certified Registry year (March 24, 2016 to March 16, 2017):

**Appointments in Pierce County:** 13

**Appointments in \_\_\_\_\_ County:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Appointments in \_\_\_\_\_ County:** \_\_\_\_\_

**C.** Percentage of your total case load that RCW 26 Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem work represents overall:

**D.** Criminal history, as defined in RCW 9.94A.030: A current (dated on or after January 1, 2017) and completed Washington State Patrol Conviction Criminal History Record must be received by the Court. If not attached, the expected date the Court will have the record: attached

**E.** Have you been named as a defendant or respondent in any case involving allegations of domestic violence or anti-harassment?

Yes  No

If yes, state the date, name of the court, court cause number, summary of the allegations, and the disposition of the case.

**F.** Have you been named as a petitioner or witness in any civil or criminal proceedings involving domestic violence or anti-harassment?

Yes  No

If yes, state the date, name of the court, court cause number, summary of the allegations, and the disposition of the case.

**G.** The number of times you have been removed for failure to adequately perform duties as Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem or for any other cause. For each removal, give a brief explanation, with the county, case name and cause number, and attach all relevant documents from the court file along with a copy of the court order.

n/a

**I also certify the following:**

**H.** I am presently not serving, nor have I recently applied to serve, as a Judge or Commissioner pro tempore in Pierce County Superior Court. I understand that I am not permitted to serve in both capacities.

AGREE  DISAGREE

**I.** I have no criminal history or license suspension or revocation.

AGREE  DISAGREE

**J.** I am not the subject of any pending investigation or action by a government agency, professional organization or one that would result in either a criminal conviction or a license revocation or suspension.

AGREE  DISAGREE

**K.** I have read and understand the applicability to me and agree to be bound and governed by the Pierce County Superior Court Administrative Policy #1 for the RCW Title 26 Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem Certified Registry.

AGREE  DISAGREE

**L.** I have read, signed, returned, and understand the applicability to me of the Pierce County Superior Court Administrative Policy # 2 Title 26 Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem Code of Conduct and agree to be bound and governed by the Code of Conduct.

AGREE  DISAGREE

M. I have completed in full, signed and attached the confidential supplement to this renewal application.

AGREE  DISAGREE

If you disagree for any answer (H-M), please explain in full on a separate page and attach it to your application materials.

N. Please provide full disclosure of the following: (Continue on addendum page if necessary)

1) Any felony convictions or any convictions involving theft, dishonesty, or moral turpitude.

n/a


2) Suspension or revocation of professional certification or license.

n/a

3) Pending investigation of action for either 1 or 2 above.

n/a

I certify that I have thoroughly studied the provisions and requirements of RCW Title 26 and Superior Court Guardian ad Litem Rules and believe I am fully qualified to be appointed as a Parenting Investigator/ Guardian ad Litem in Pierce County, Washington.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Daria LB Spartan

Print Name

03/14/2017

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of signing

Pierce County

\_\_\_\_\_  
Place of signing

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**POLICY 2**

**PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
RCW 26.09.220 AND RCW 26.12.175  
PARENTING INVESTIGATOR/GUARDIAN AD LITEM CODE OF CONDUCT**

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1. The appointed Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem shall decline the appointment if they are not qualified, competent, or able to complete the matter in a timely manner.
2. The Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem shall maintain the ethical principles of their own profession in addition to compliance with this Code of Conduct.
3. The Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem shall promptly advise the court of any grounds for disqualification or unavailability to serve.
4. The Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem shall avoid self-dealing or association from which the Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem might directly or indirectly benefit, other than from compensation as a Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem.
5. The Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem shall not guarantee or create the impression that any portion of the investigation will remain confidential, and shall inform all witnesses that the information gathered by the Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem must be reported to the court.
6. All records, including contemporaneously maintained time and expense records, of the Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem shall promptly be made available to the parties and their attorneys for review upon request, without formal discovery request(s) being made. Copies of the records may be made by the parties and their attorneys under circumstances that assure that the file remains complete, organized and intact.
7. The Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem shall be available to testify if called by a party.
8. Once admitted to the RCW 26.09 Certified Registry, all Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem's shall fully comply with all continuing education requirements established under Pierce County Local Rules and GALR, as amended.

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the foregoing, has read the same and GALR, and agrees to be governed by all.

03/14/2017

Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

(Adopted 5/4/98; amended 5/6/02)

Addendum: CLE's through 3.14.2017 **23.25 CLE's**; GAL Training **4 hours**; Personal Development **31.5 hrs**

Complex Parenting Plans	KCBA	3/24/2016	Complex Parenting Plan Issues	1
Title 26 Re-Certification Kitsap County	Kitsap Legal Services	4/13/2016	Recent Trends, Drug Evaluations; Neuroscience, Case Management, A View from the Bench	5.75
AFCC Broken Triangles	AFCC	6/1/2016	Understanding, Assessing and Responding to the Needs of the Conflicted, Court-Involved Family System	8
GAL Training	Pierce County Courthouse	5/19/2016	Jennifer Gatis, DHS FAR Response	
Advanced Title 26 Training	WA- AFCC	9/19/2016	Thorny Issues in GAL Investigations Parenting Plans for Young Children Circle of Security- Attachment and Overnight Considerations Ethics	6
RPC Updates	WSBA	9/27/2016	Ethics Update and Updates to the new RPC's effective September 1, 2016.	1.5
GAL Training	Pierce County Courthouse	10/20/2016	AFCC Conference Notes	
GAL Training	Pierce County Courthouse	11/17/2016	Pierce County Prosecutor's Office	
Family Law CLE	TPCBA	11/19/2016	CoParenting by Karen Bonnell	1
GAL Training	Pierce County Courthouse	1/19/2017	Grievance Process Jude Van Doornink and Swartz	
Trauma Informed Care	Apple Health Core Connection	1/24/2017	Trauma in the home that causes a child to be removed from the home, special needs in the care of those children.	3
Core Caregiver Training	DSHS	1/28/2017	Issues relevant to out of home placements	24
The Impact of Poverty and Violence on Social Emotional Dev	APA, Violence Prevention Office	2/9/2017	Dr. Dana Charles McCoy, with Harvard University Graduate School of Education. This webinar is brought to you by the American Psychological Association, Violence Prevention Office.	1.5
Advanced Trauma Informed Care	Apple Health Core Connection	2/28/2017	Advanced techniques for children in need/ trauma care.	3

**DARIA SPARTAN, ESQ**  
**Phone: 253.470.8112**  
**Email: [daria@spartanlawoffice.com](mailto:daria@spartanlawoffice.com)**

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## **Career History**

### **Spartan Law Office**

**December 2014-present**

*Guardian ad Litem, Pierce County Superior Court*

- Approved for the Family Law 26.09 Guardian ad Litem Registry in December 2014, have been receiving appointments since March 2015. GAL's must investigate and report factual information regarding the issues ordered to be reported or investigated to the Court.

Relocated to Washington in 2012 after ten years of practice in Iowa.

### **South and Associates**

**February 2011 – June 2012**

*Associate Attorney*

- Responsible attorney for development of Iowa branch of firm; all aspects of opening new office including, finding location, office set-up, develop document library and software for the Iowa branch office; previously, firm had offices only in Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri. Led transition team in corporate office to develop supports for new Iowa office.
- Creditors' Rights firm practicing primarily in Real Estate Foreclosure and Bankruptcy including plan review/ objections and dischargability actions.
- Worked directly with lenders and borrowers regarding loss mitigation and/ or litigation; handled all court filings and appearances.

### **Spartan Law Office**

**August 2005 – February 2011**

*Sole Practitioner*

- General Practice firm practicing primarily Family Law, Children's Rights, Bankruptcy, as well as various additional court appointed work such as guardianships, dependencies and commitments. Responsible for complete office operations in addition to client representation such as trust accounting, web site development and research and writing.
- Iowa State Public Defender contract attorney, ongoing; Court appointment for parents and children in Children In Need of Assistance actions; used "team" approach to developing plans with social workers and other state services; court appointment for misdemeanors.

### **Betroche Law Offices**

**December 2003 - July 2005**

*General Practice Litigation Attorney*

- General Law practice, primarily in Family Law and Commercial collections and Contract litigation, other general practice clients.
- Identified and researched legal grounds for claim based on commercial contracts; Drafted motions, pleadings and conduct discovery; Negotiated settlement or tried the case in court; Defended against any counterclaims.

**Drake University Legal Clinic**

**January 2001 - June 2003**

*Assistant to the Executive Director, &  
Children's Rights Center Program Assistant*

- Supervised and assisted 30 clinic students with case evaluation, analyzing legal issues and preparation of court documents for elder law and children's rights cases.
- Participated in community outreach projects such as creating publications, planning several training conferences for attorneys, social workers, and educators.
- Coordinated education programs between the local judges, the bar association and the law school for community and attorney projects, for instance, Selected Issues in Juvenile Justice 2002 and Legal Issues in Juvenile Justice 2003.
- Performed extensive research and writing for the Executive Director for casework as well as articles for publication and web site development in the areas of elder law and children's rights.

**Education**

**Drake University Law School**

**May 2002**

Juris Doctor

**University of Nantes, France**

**Summer 2000**

Study of International and comparative law focusing on European Union issues focusing on trade, free movement of goods, services, and persons, and the attempts to converge the legal systems of European countries.

**University of Northern Iowa**

**May 1999**

Bachelor of Arts, General Studies

**Volunteer Opportunities**

- Tacoma Pierce County Bar Association- Neighborhood Clinic
- Children's Museum of Tacoma

**Admitted to Practice**

- Admitted to the Iowa State Bar #AT5184, 2003 - 2012
- Admitted to the United States District Courts, Southern District of Iowa, 2003
- Admitted to the United States District Courts, Northern District of Iowa, 2011
- Admitted to Washington State Bar Association, WSBA #46017, May 2013