

GAL Background and Qualifications
(per RCW 26.12.175)

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Education

Seattle University School of Law, JD, 2008, Seattle, WA
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General Training

Title 26 GAL Update training, April 2024
Title 26 Refresher training, March 2015
Title 26 GAL training, February 2013
Title 13 GAL training, February 2010

Specific Training

Continual training and CLE courses regarding the special needs of children as well as developmental and mental health issues, parental conflict, effective communication, substance abuse and domestic violence.

Number of Years of Experience as a GAL

14 years

Number of appointments and counties of appointments

I have served as a title 13 GAL for children with families involved in dependency proceedings for over 100 families. I have been appointed in Snohomish County as a title 4 GAL for incompetent parents and minors in a variety of civil, family law, dependency and protection order cases. I have served as a title 26 family law GAL in Snohomish County since 2015 and have served on over 80 cases.

Other Relevant Experience

I have experience practicing as an advocate in the following types of cases: parentage, adoption, minor guardianship, divorce as well as parenting plan modifications. My primary practice focuses on the direct representation of youth involved in dependency proceedings.

Removal from GAL registry pursuant to a grievance

None

Founded allegations of abuse or neglect as defined in RCW 26.44.020

None