

**BACKGROUND AND STATEMENT OF
QUALIFICATIONS AS REQUIRED BY RCW 11.130.155
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INFORMATION**

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Title 11 GAL/COURT VISITOR

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I, **TAWNEY CARRIER**, have the following background, knowledge, training, and experience to be on the **Benton-Franklin Title 11 Adult Guardianship/Conservatorship Court Visitor Registry:**

- A. My highest level of formal education: JD
- B. Training related to Court Visitor and/or Guardian ad Litem's duties: I started as a Title 11 GAL in 2008. I have completed all training required by the Benton and Franklin Counties Superior Court to be included on the court-approved list of Court Visitors for Title 11 guardianship/conservatorship matters. In addition, I regularly participate in Continuing Legal Education credits which relate to guardianship/conservatorship and issues related to guardianships and conservatorships. Please see attached list of Continuing Legal Education.
- C. Number of years' experience as a Guardian ad Litem and/or Court Visitor: 18
- D. Number of appointments as a Guardian ad Litem and/or Court Visitor [as of today's date] and the county or counties of appointment: (specify as to what role served)
 - a) Number of appointments: 97
 - b) Counties appointed in: BENTON & FRANKLIN
- E. Criminal history [as defined in RCW 9.94.A.030]:
 - ☒ I do NOT have a criminal history as defined in RCW 9.94.A.030.
 - ☐ I do have a criminal history as defined in RCW 9.94.A.030. [Please explain each instance on a page and attach hereto.]
- F. I have knowledge, training, and experience in the following areas:

[Check all that apply and provide detailed descriptions]

 - ☒ Impaired elderly: I have a lot of personal and professional experience with impaired (or potentially impaired) elderly. I enjoy working with families and for elderly people who need some assistance or maybe a different perspective on what is going on and what should happen. Being a Court Visitor is a good way to help (even though maybe not everyone in the family thinks you are helpful). Please see attached list of Continuing Legal Education and Certificates.
 - ☒ Persons with physical disabilities: I have been very involved with people with physical, mental and developmental disabilities. I have volunteered for non-profits that provide services to those with disabilities. Professionally, I have experience in interviewing those with disabilities and the unique accommodations that such interactions can require. I also have clients who have family members with disabilities so I am familiar with the struggles and joys that entails. Please see attached list of Continuing Legal Education and Certificates.
 - ☒ Persons with mental illness: see above.
 - ☒ Persons with developmental disabilities: see above.
 - ☒ Other areas relevant to the needs of persons subject to guardianship or conservatorship: In my law practice, I do estate planning so I routinely have to determine, for my own purposes, the capacity a person may have. This experience is invaluable when dealing with guardianships. Please see attached list of Continuing Legal Education and Certificates
 - ☒ Legal procedures involving guardianships: I have been practicing law since 2007 and have been involved in guardianships/conservatorships in various capacities since that time. I am not only familiar with the current statutory legal procedures and requirements for

guardianships/conservatorships but I am also aware of the local court's requirements for establishment and maintaining guardianships/conservatorships. I am currently and have been in the past a guardian/conservator for a vulnerable adult. I keep updated on the changes to the law, both proposed and enacted. Please see attached list of Continuing Legal Education.

☒ Provisions of RCW Chapter 11.130: I am familiar with the statutes because I routinely represent clients who petition for guardianship/conservatorship and who seek counsel about their responsibilities as guardians or potential guardians/conservators. I routinely serve as Court Visitor in guardianship and probate matters. I also regularly serve clients who are guardians/conservators or who are interested parties in guardianships/conservatorships. Please see attached list of Continuing Legal Education and Certificates.

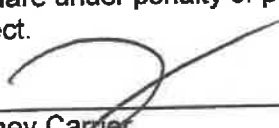
G. I have been previously removed from a Guardian ad Litem registry or Court Visitor

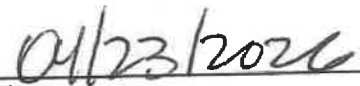
Registry pursuant to a grievance action:

☒ No

☐ Yes [Please explain each instance on a page and attach hereto. Include the name of the county, court, and cause number(s).]

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.


Tawney Carrier


date