

**BACKGROUND AND STATEMENT OF
QUALIFICATIONS AS REQUIRED BY RCW
26.12.175(3)
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INFORMATION**

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Title 26 GAL

Background Information Record as required by RCW 26.12.175(3) **This

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I, Trena McDowell, have the following background, knowledge, training, and experience to be on the

Benton-Franklin Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Registry:

A. Highest level of formal education: College Coursework General Studies Completed

B. General training related to Guardian ad Litem's duties: T-26 GAL 3-Day Training (Virtual) Kitsap Legal Services 3/2023, T-26 GAL Recertification Benton County Justice Center (3.0) CE 5/2024, Washington Child Advocate Core Training Program (Virtual): The Washington Association of Child Advocates Program (4 weeks) 6/10/2024 - 7/3/2024, Benton and Franklin Counties GAL Mentorship with Amanda Taylor 4/2023 - Current, Professional Parenting Input & Evaluation in Family Law Matters KCBA CLE Web Catalog (1.0) CE 12/2024, Teenagers, Parenting Time and Refuse/Resist Dynamics KCBA CLE Web Catalog (1.0) CE 12/2024, Understanding Personality Disorders in Litigation KCBA CLE Web Catalog (1.0) CE 12/2024, Dealing with "Difficult" Parties KCBA CLE Web Catalog 12/2024, Why Collaborative Professionals should be LGBTQIA Allies KCBA CLE Web Catalog (1.0) CE 12/2024, The Uniform Family Law Arbitration Act KCBA CLE Web Catalog (1.0) CE 8/2024, Indian Child Welfare Act U.S. Department of the Interior Indian Affairs: Division of Human Services 10/2024, Courtroom Protocol: WACAP 6/2024, Strengthening Advocacy Through Quality Report Writing: WACAP 7/2024, Guidelines for Court Appearances via WebEx video Conferencing and Telephone Access WACAP 7/2024, Kitsap Legal Aid Services Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Recertification Training (Virtual) (8.0) CE 5/22/2025.

Specific training related to issues potentially faced by children in dissolution, custody, paternity, and other family law proceedings: Washington Child Advocate Core Training Program (Virtual), WACAP (4 weeks) 6/10/24 - 7/3/24, Child Custody in Washington State (1.0) Dellino Family Law Webinar 12/2024, Domestic Violence, Child Custody and Family Law (1.0) Dellino Family Law Webinar 12/2024, Understanding the Divorce Process in Washington State (1.0) Dellino Family Law Webinar 12/2024, Relocation with Children (1.0) Dellino Family Law Webinar 12/2024, Numerous articles on issues potentially faced by children in dissolution, custody, co-parenting, and other family law proceedings, Nolo's Essential Guide to Divorce by Attorney Emily Doskow, Nolo's Essential Guide to Child Custody & Support by Attorney Emily Doskow, Washington State HKJC Therapeutic Courts Presentation: TVW recording of the House Civil Rights and Judiciary Committee 12/2024, Parent-Child Visitation WACAP 7/2024, Parties to the Case WACAP 7/2024.

D. Specific training or education related to child disability or developmental issues: Parent and Educator Resource Guide to Section 504 in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools, Physical or Mental Impairments and Disabilities U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights Website 8/2024, Lifespan Psychology Columbia Basin College 2013, The Whole-Brain Child by Daniel J. Siegel, M.D., and Tina Payne Bryson, PH.D., numerous articles on children facing Complex Grief, PTSD, cPTSD, and Trauma, Equine Assisted Therapy Core Concepts and Lead Training for Children and Adults with Special Needs at Therapeutic Riding of Tri-Cities 4/2024, Trauma, ACEs and Resiliency WACAP 6/2024, Ages and Stages - Advokids: Child Development, Parenting Strategies, and Causes for Concern, 0-18 years WACAP 7/2024, Child Mental Health WACAP 6/2024, Attachment and Bonding 0-18 months WACAP 6/2024, Understanding the importance of talking with your child about gender identity and expression - and how to get the conversation started: Mayo Clinic 8/2024

E. Number of years' experience as a Guardian ad Litem: 2 yr 9 mos

F. Number of appointments as a Guardian ad Litem and the county or counties of appointment:

a) Number of appointments: 7

b) Counties appointed in: Benton & Franklin

G. I have been previously removed from a Guardian ad Litem registry pursuant to a grievance action:

No

H. I have founded allegations of abuse or neglect as defined in RCW 26.44.020:

No

I. A background check is completed annually by Benton/Franklin Counties Superior Court through Washington state patrol criminal identification section.

J. A statement of my criminal history [as defined in RCW 9.94.A.030] for the period covering ten years prior to this date was supplied to Benton/Franklin Counties Superior Court.

K. Other information not required by statute:

a. I have the following professional licenses or certifications: Mortgage Loan Originator, Medical Assistant, Phlebotomist

b. I have the following trial experience as a GAL: 0

c. Other: Title 26 GAL Mentorship Provided by Amanda Taylor

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

Signature Printed Name & Date



Trena McDowell

4-11-2026

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I, SHERRI RICE, have the following background, knowledge, training, and experience to be on the **Benton-Franklin Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Registry**:

- A. Highest level of formal education: 12
- B. General training related to Guardian ad Litem's duties: SEE RESUME
- C. Specific training related to issues potentially faced by children in dissolution, custody, paternity, and other family law proceedings: SEE RESUME
- D. Specific training or education related to child disability or developmental issues SEE RESUME.
ALSO, I HAVE A SPECIAL NEEDS CHILD
- E. Number of years' experience as a Guardian ad Litem: SEE RESUME
- F. Number of appointments as a Guardian ad Litem [as of today's date] and the county or counties of appointment:
 - a) Number of appointments: 0
 - b) Counties appointed in: NA
- G. I have been previously removed from a Guardian ad Litem 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).]
- H. I have founded allegations of abuse or neglect as defined in RCW 26.44.020:
 - ☒ No
 - ☐ Yes [Please explain each instance on a page and attach hereto.]
- I. A background check is completed annually by Benton/Franklin Counties Superior Court through Washington state patrol criminal identification section.
- J. A statement of my criminal history [as defined in RCW 9.94.A.030] for the period covering ten years prior to this date was supplied to Benton/Franklin Counties Superior Court.
- K. Other information not required by statute:
 - a. I have the following professional licenses or certifications: NA
 - b. I have the following trial experience as a GAL: NA
 - c. Other: _____

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

Sherrice 9.4.2025
Signature & Date

SHERRI RICE
Printed Name