

# Title 11 GAL

## Background and Statement of Qualifications as required by RCW 11.88.090(4)

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I, Jan R. Armstrong, have the following background, knowledge, training, and experience to be on the

### ***Benton-Franklin Title 11 Guardian ad Litem Registry:***

- A. My highest level of formal education: J.D.-University of Washington (1978); B.A.-Business Administration (Accounting)-Washington State University (1975)
- B. Training related to Guardian ad Litem's duties: I attend annual training for guardian ad-litem work. My last training was on November 30, 2018.
- C. Number of years' experience as a Guardian ad Litem: 39+
- D. Number of appointments as a Guardian ad Litem [as of today's date] and the county or counties of appointment:
- a) Number of appointments: 200+
  - b) Counties appointed in: Benton County and Franklin County
- 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: See below
  - Persons with physical disabilities: See below
  - Persons with mental illness: See below
  - Persons with developmental disabilities: See below
  - Other areas relevant to the needs of incapacitated persons: See below
  - Legal procedures involving guardianships: See below
  - Provisions of RCW Chapter(s) 11.88 and 11.92 and I have practiced law in Richland, Washington since December 1, 1978. A significant portion of my law practice has involved estate planning, elder law, probates, trusts and guardianships. I have represented guardianship petitioners, family members, and alleged incapacitated persons as an attorney. I have represented personal representatives and estate beneficiaries in probates. I have served on a number of occasions as a personal representative in contested estates. I have represented trustees and trust beneficiaries in trust actions. I have acted as a trustee of trusts. I have been an agent of principals related to durable power of attorneys. This work, along with 39+ years of

guardian ad-litem work in guardianships, estates and trusts has involved persons with all of the above-mentioned types of disabilities.

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).]

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

 12/21/18

Signature & Date

Jan R. Armstrong

Printed Name