

## Title 26 GAL

### Background Information Record as required by RCW 26.12.175(3)

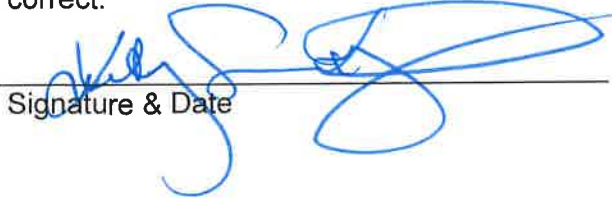
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I, Katherine Sierra-Kelly, have the following background, knowledge, training, and experience to be on the ***Benton-Franklin Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Registry***:

- A. Highest level of formal education: J.D. Seattle University School of Law, Graduated May 2007
- B. General training related to Guardian ad Litem's duties: Comply and adhere with all yearly training requirements in order to remain a Guardian Ad Litem. Most recent training in May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Additionally I have prepared presentations for Guardian Ad Litem trainings in October 2014 and September 2015 and May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017, September 2018 regarding the role of being a GAL.
- C. Specific training related to issues potentially faced by children in dissolution, custody, paternity, and other family law proceedings: Family law attorney since being admitted to the Washington State Bar Association in November 2007
- D. Specific training or education related to child disability or developmental issues \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Number of years' experience as a Guardian ad Litem: 12
- 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: Approximately 38
  - b) Counties appointed in: 3
- 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: Admitted to the Washington State Bar Association in November 2007

- b. I have the following trial experience as a GAL: Provided testimony in various custodial trials as well as special settings. Additionally, I have provided complete and final pre-trial reports to the court
- c. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

  
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Signature & Date

Katherine Sierra-Kelly  
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Printed Name