

Title 11 GAL

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

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I, **TAWNEY CARRIER**, 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: JD

B. Training related to 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 Guardian ad Litem for Title 11 guardianship matters. This includes taking the on-line training course for lay guardians as well as annual recertification. In addition, I regularly participate in Continuing Legal Education credits which relate to guardianship and issues related to guardianships. Please see attached list of Continuing Legal Education and Certificates.

C. Number of years' experience as a Guardian ad Litem: 10

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: 52

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 Guardian ad Litem 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 incapacitated persons: 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 in various capacities since that time. I am not only familiar with the current statutory legal procedures and requirements for guardianships but I am also aware of the local court's requirements. I keep updated on the changes to the law, both proposed and enacted. Please see attached list of Continuing Legal Education and Certificates.
- Provisions of RCW Chapter(s) 11.88 and 11.92 and I am familiar with these statutes because I routinely represent clients who petition for guardianship under 11.88 and who seek counsel about their responsibilities as guardians or potential guardians under both 11.88 and 11.92. I routinely serve as guardian ad litem in guardianship and probate matters. I also regularly serve clients who are guardians or who are interested parties in guardianships. Please see attached list of Continuing Legal Education and Certificates.

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.

 11/14/2020

Signature & Date

TAWNEY CARRIER

Printed Name

Some of the Continuing Legal Education courses I have participated in which related to Guardian Ad Litem work:

- The Ethical Representation of Clients with Disabilities
- Elder Law Updates
- Life After Meth: Addiction and Recovery in the Legal
- Family Law Mid-year conference 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012
- The Guardianship Institute: The Nuts and Bolts from A to Z
- The Guardianship Institute: Strategies and Solutions for Meeting the Challenge
- Family Law Skills Institute
- Title 11 Guardian ad litem Training and Recertification
- Cultural Awareness Training
- RCW 74.34
- Title 26 Guardian ad litem Training and Recertification
- Family Counseling and Parenting Seminars
- Tough Talk with Family Law Clients: Practical Tips from the Trenches
- Children's Justice Conference 2010, 2011, 2015, 2016, 2017
- The Public Records Act
- Guardian Reporting Requirements
- The Law Associated with Death and Dying
- Immigration Law Update
- Parenting Plans and Evaluations
- Counseling Professional Privilege and Licensure Practice Restriction
- Medicaid and Special Needs Trust Update
- Effective Mediation
- Adult Guardianships
- Parenting with Dignity
- Mental Illness & the Justice System
- Advanced Training for GALs
- Collaborative law and Financial Planning

- Design and Prepare for a Successful Mediation
- Immigration Law: Crimmigration
- Washington Association of Elder Law Attorneys "Unprogram"
- National Alliance of Mental Illness Convention 2018
- Legal Strategies for Resolving Elder Financial Abuse
- Disability Law & Digital Accessibility