

Title 11 GAL

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

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I, Thomas J. Atwood, 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 (Law Degree).
- B. Training related to Guardian ad Litem's duties: initial GAL training in 2001 and attendance at training seminars annually thereafter.
- C. Number of years' experience as a Guardian ad Litem: 19.
- 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: 40+
- b) Counties appointed in: Benton and 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 experience in serving as a GAL in many cases involving impaired elderly AIP's.
- Persons with physical disabilities: I have served as a GAL for persons with physical disabilities and practice in the field of Social Security Disability..
- Persons with mental illness: Same as above.
- Persons with developmental disabilities: Same as above.
- Other areas relevant to the needs of incapacitated persons:
- Legal procedures involving guardianships: I have been practicing in this area of law for over 18 years.
- Provisions of RCW Chapter(s) 11.88 and 11.92 and _____
- 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.

T. Atwood 1/29/21
Signature & Date

Thomas J. Atwood
Printed Name