Local Guardian Ad Litem Rule 2
Registry Administration

(a) The Court shall maintain and administer Guardian ad Litem registries for Adoption, Guardianship, and Family Law. These registries shall not include Juvenile Court Guardians ad Litem, or Court Appointed Special Advocates, which shall continue to be administered independently by their respective programs. These requirements and procedures also apply to persons not listed on a registry who are appointed to serve as a Guardian ad Litem in a field for which there is a registry.

(b) The Court shall maintain a completed application form, and background information records pertaining to each person on a registry. Persons listed on a registry or registries shall reapply and update background information annually on a date specified for each registry. All application and background information, with the exception of personal identifying information in family law cases, and pending complaints, shall be available for public inspection.

(c) Persons shall be selected to serve on each registry at the discretion of the Court giving due consideration to: (a) having a sufficient number of Guardians ad Litem available to fulfill the requests for appointment; (b) achieving and maintaining a high level of knowledge, skill and competence within each given field. In some cases there may be more qualified applicants than will be needed or would benefit the program, so that not all persons applying will be selected.

(d) The Court may sponsor or approve training which registry applicants shall be required to attend to maintain and improve their level of proficiency. Title 11 Guardian ad Litem registry applicants must complete any training required by RCW 11.88.090 prior to placement of the applicant's name on the guardianship registry.

(e) Each registry may be reconstituted periodically after an open application period has been publicly announced. The Court may allow additional applicants to be added to a registry periodically.

(f) The Court may impose an application fee and/or charge a fee for the training programs.

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