GUARDIAN AD LITEM RULE 1:
SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS

(a) Statement of Purpose and Scope of Rule. The purpose of these rules is to establish a minimum set of standards applicable to all superior court cases where the court appoints a guardian ad litem or any person to represent the best interest of a child, an alleged incapacitated person, or an adjudicated incapacitated person pursuant to Title 11, 13 or 26 RCW.

These rules shall also apply to guardians ad litem appointed pursuant to RCW 4.08.050 and RCW 4.08.060, if the appointment is under the procedures of Titles 11, 13 or 26 RCW.

These rules shall not be applicable to guardians ad litem appointed pursuant to Special Proceedings Rule (SPR) 98.16W and chapter 11.96A RCW.

(b) Definitions. As used in this rule, the following terms have these meanings:

(1) Court. Court shall mean any superior court in the state of Washington and all divisions thereof.

(2) Guardian ad Litem. Guardian ad litem shall mean any person or program appointed in a Title 11, 13, or 26 RCW action under the Revised Code of Washington to represent the best interest of a child, an alleged incapacitated person, or an adjudicated incapacitated person. The term guardian ad litem shall not include an attorney appointed to represent a party.

(3) Judge. Judge shall mean a judicial officer of the superior court, including commissioners and judges pro tempore.

(4) Registry. Registry shall mean the list of people authorized by the court to serve as guardians ad litem or CASA programs authorized by RCW 26.12.175.

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