

Superior Court of Washington, County of \_\_\_\_\_

In re:

Petitioner/s *(person/s who started this case)*:

\_\_\_\_\_

And Respondent/s *(other party/parties)*:

\_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Motion to Appoint Guardian ad Litem  
(MTGAL)

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**I declare:**

1. My name is: \_\_\_\_\_.

2. I ask the Court to appoint a Guardian ad Litem (GAL) for *(name/s)*: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ for the reasons listed below.

These children need a GAL to investigate, report, and make recommendations about what is best for them. Appointing a GAL would be in their best interests because it would help the court decide *(check all that apply)*:

which parent the children should live with, and what the parenting plan or residential schedule should be.

whether genetic testing should be done and who the legal parents should be.

whether the children's names should be changed.

other *(specify)*: \_\_\_\_\_

*(For cases about parentage)* The interests of the child are not adequately represented.

The case was started by the state and the interests of the child and the state are in conflict.

This person is a Petitioner or Respondent and is a minor (under 18 years old).  
(RCW 4.08.050)



the following address (*this does **not** have to be your home address*):

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*street address or PO box* *city* *state* *zip*

Note: You and the other party/ies may agree to accept legal papers by email under Civil Rule 5 and local court rules.

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**Lawyer (if any) fills out below:**

▶ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Lawyer signs here* *Print name and WSBA No.* *Date*

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*Lawyer's street address or PO box* *city* *state* *zip*

Email (*if applicable*): \_\_\_\_\_

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