

Spokane County Title 11.88 Guardian ad Litem Mandatory Annual Training Agenda

DAY TWO: October 26, 2018

**Gonzaga School of Law, Moot Court Room 721
North Cincinnati, Spokane, Washington**

- 8:00 – 8:10 Registration, Sign In, Coffee Service and Pick up Handouts
- 8:10 – 8:15 Welcome – **Spokane County Superior Court Judge Ellen Kalama Clark** and Title 11.88 GAL Training Committee Co-Chair **Brent Stanyer**, Attorney
- 8:15 – 9:15 **Topic 1: “Substitute Decision-Making and Supported Decision Making” Jennifer Holderman**, Administrative Office of the Courts, Washington State
- 9:15 – 10:15 **Topic 2: “Guardianships Involving Minors, Native Americans, and Sometimes Both!” Karen Nakagawa, Attorney** (Seattle attorney)
- 10:15 – 10:30 Break
- 10:45 – 11:45 **Topic 3: Panel Discussion: “Our Voices and Choices”** Hear from **Lynn Gillette & Sorretie Jaro** as they share their opinions and experiences with the guardianship process. Moderated by **David Carlson**, Disability Rights Washington and **Lisa Robbe**, Office of Developmental Disabilities Ombuds.
- “What is DRW and DDA Ombuds?” **David Carlson**, Attorney, Disability Rights Washington and **Lisa Robbe**, Attorney, Developmental Disabilities Administration
- 11:45 – 12:45 Catered Lunch at the Herak Room
- 1:00 – 2:00 **Topic 4: Judicial Panel – Spokane County Superior Court Commissioners: N. Swennumson, T. Rugel, and K. Stewart**
- 2:00 – 3:00 **Topic 5: Hypothetical / Interactive Discussion including Ethics – Spokane County Superior Court Commissioner Anderson**
- 3:00 – 3:15 Break
- 3:15 – 4:00 **Topic 6: DSHS – Dan Rees**, DSHS Home and Community Services, Financial Subject Matter Expert– New WAC 182-513 Guardian Fees and Costs for Medicaid Client
- 4:00 – 4:30 **Topic 7: GAL Reports – Best Practices and Expectations – Facilitated by Commissioner R. Anderson** and a Panel of Peer Guardian ad Litem: **Sharon Saito, Dena Allen, and Michael Roosekrans**
- 4:30 - Complete Evaluations, Adjournment, Sign Out

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

DENA P. ALLEN is a partner at Burke Law Group in Spokane, Washington, where she practices in the areas of family law and estate planning/guardianship/probate. She has twenty-four years of experience practicing law and previously served as an adjunct instructor for the Spokane Community College Paralegal Program teaching domestic relations and wills, trust and probate from 2008-2016. Ms. Allen was also a contributing author to the Handbook For Washington Seniors: Legal Rights and Resources (1st ed. 2012). As a member of both the Spokane County Bar Association and the Washington State Bar Association, Ms. Allen earned her B.A. degree from UCLA and her J.D. degree from Gonzaga University School of Law.

COMMISSIONER RACHELLE ANDERSON

Career Highlights

- Administrative Law Judge - Washington State Office of Administrative Hearings, 2010
- 13 years in private practice, emphasizing Family Law and Juvenile Dependency work

Professional Affiliations, Committees

- WSBA Character and Fitness Board - Chair 2010, Board Member 2007-2009
- Washington Young Lawyers Division, Greater Spokane Trustee 2003-2007

Education

- Eastern Washington University, Government, BA, 1994
- Gonzaga University School of Law, JD, 1997

DAVID J. CARLSON leads Disability Rights Washington's advocacy by coordinating the work of its various advocacy programs which engage in multimodal advocacy incorporating multiple advocacy tools, including individual representation, class action litigation, policy work, video advocacy, and community engagement. These programs are responsible for monitoring facilities and community settings in Washington that serve people with disabilities, investigate potential abuse and neglect of Washingtonians with disabilities, conduct legal and policy advocacy on behalf of people with disabilities across Washington, and provide Washingtonians with disabilities information about their legal rights.

David has served as lead counsel in numerous class actions enforcing a wide variety of civil rights of people with disabilities. David's advocacy work has been recognized in international media and several local and national awards. David presents on disability legal issues, legal ethics, and advocacy skills both in Washington and nationally. Additionally, David has taught Disability Law as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Seattle University and serves as a member of the National Disability Rights Network's Board of Directors. David graduated Cum Laude from both Eastern Washington University where he received his B.A. and Gonzaga University School of Law where he served as the Editor-in-Chief of Gonzaga Law Review.

JENNIFER HOLDERMAN joined the WA Administrative Office of the Courts in December 2017 to develop and deliver training materials to the legal community in fulfillment of HB 1402 (WA, 2017) Rights and obligations associated with incapacitated persons and other vulnerable adults. Prior to the AOC, she worked in policy development and implementation in the field of water resources for local and state government as well as a stint as a middle school earth/space science teacher. She holds dual degrees, a J.D. and M.S., from the University of Oregon and Oregon State University.

KAREN NAKAGAWA - Karen's law practice emphasizes guardianship, estate, probate, adoption, and assisted reproduction -- helping folks create families "the new-fashioned way." As a Guardian ad Litem in dependency, Title 11, and adoption cases, Karen's appointments have placed her in multiple counties and jurisdictions, including tribal court.

Memberships include the Washington State Bar Association and King County Bar Association guardianship and elder, real property and probate, solo, and family law sections. Karen is a member of the Title 11 GAL Recertification Committee in King County and the upcoming Chair. Formerly, Karen was co-chair of King County Collaborative Law Family Law Section. She also volunteered at the King County Dispute Resolution Center as a mediator, family law clinics, and the King County Superior Court Guardianship and Probate Review/Delinquency Calendar.

Karen is a thoroughbred Husky, having graduated from the University of Washington with a B.A. in cultural anthropology and a J.D. Before settling in the big city, Karen enjoyed her rural upbringing in Walla Walla, Washington. A proud parent of four children, Karen also greatly enjoys sewing, urban farming, and playing the ukulele.

DANIEL R. REES, AL TSA/HCS Financial Subject Matter Expert - I have worked for DSHS for 27 years the last 17 years with Home and Community Services. I started as a financial worker, was a lead worker at both Community Service Division and Home and Community Services. I was a supervisor at Home and Community Services before becoming the Subject Matter Expert. I have a Bachelor's in Business Administration from Eastern Washington University.

LISA J. ROBBE is a passionate advocate for people with developmental disabilities. Her career in advocacy began in 1991. Over the next two decades, she served as the founder and director of two private Medicaid provider agencies in Idaho, held leadership positions with provider organizations and worked to enhance training for direct care staff. Lisa also served on Idaho's Council on Developmental Disabilities, as a board member for Idaho's Parent Training Institute, and as a Positive Behavior Supports trainer for the State of Idaho.

In 2012, Idaho made drastic cuts to Medicaid that ended many services for people with developmental disabilities. Lisa spent time advocating at the legislature and helping people and their family's access due process hearings, but nearly all of the proposed cuts went through. This experience motivated her to obtain her law degree and gain additional advocacy skills.

Originally from Northwest Montana, Lisa has her BA in Sociology from the University of Montana and a Master of Public Administration from Boise State University. Lisa graduated cum laude from Gonzaga University School of Law in 2016 and is licensed to practice law in Washington. She was hired by DRW in 2017 as a Regional Ombuds based in the Spokane office.

MICHAEL A. ROOZEKRANS practices litigation primarily in the areas of business, banking, environmental, and family law. Mike has represented clients in complex commercial litigation, contract disputes, and business torts. He has defended and prosecuted covenants not to compete, as well as unfair competition and consumer protection claims. He is experienced in trade name/trademark litigation and has defended and prosecuted copyright infringement claims. His environmental cases include defense and prosecution of CERCLA and MTCA claims. In the area of family law, Mike is experienced in dissolution of estates, prenuptial agreements, and adoption proceedings.

Admitted to practice in the states of Washington and Idaho, Mike is a member of the Spokane County and American Bar Associations. He received his B.B.A. from Pacific Lutheran University in 1991 and his J.D. from Gonzaga University, cum laude, in 1995.

COMMISSIONER TONY M. RUGEL

Career Highlights

- Assistant Attorney General, Spokane/Olympia 2004 - 2012
- Senate Committee Counsel, Washington State Senate 2002 - 2004
- Attorney at Law, Law Offices of Ron Hammett, Republic, WA
- Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Okanogan County Prosecuting Attorney's Office
- Attorney at Law, Law Office of Hank Rawson, Okanogan, WA

Professional Affiliations, Committees

- Special Assistant United States Attorney 2007 - 2008

Education

- Seattle University School of Law, J.D., 1993
- Eastern Washington University, B.S., 1990

SHARON ANN SAITO was born in Honolulu, Hawaii and graduated from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 1979 with a B.A. in Political Science. She graduated from Gonzaga University School of Law in 1982. From 1983 to 2000, Ms. Saito was with the Spokane County Public Defender's Office and handled primarily dependency cases, BECCA cases, a smattering of misdemeanor criminal cases, and civil commitment matters. She has been in private practice since 2000. She was a Special Assistant Attorney General for Pend Oreille County from 2000-2006, representing Childrens Services from 2006 to 2013. Ms. Saito continued with dependency defense from 2006-2013 as a Parents Representation attorney through the Office of Public Defense. Her practice since 2000 has also included adoptions and guardianships. She has been a Title 11.88 Guardian ad Litem since 2000 and is on the registries for Adams, Pend Oreille, Spokane and Stevens Counties.

COMMISSIONER KEVIN D. STEWART

Career Highlights

- Associate with John Cooney and Associates, P.S. 1994 to 1998, emphasis in criminal defense
- Partner in Bonewell, Stewart and Associates, P.S., 1998 to 2000, emphasis in criminal defense and family law
- Sole Practitioner 2000 to 2006, emphasis in family law, Title 26 GAL
- Judge Pro Tem, Spokane Municipal and District Court, April 2004 to April 2011
- Associate with Cooney Law Offices, P.S., 2006 to 2011, emphasis in family law
- Judge Pro Tem, Spokane Superior Court, June 2009 to April 2011
- Court Commissioner, Spokane Municipal Court, 2011 to 2016

Education

- Graduate Mt. Rainier High School, 1983
- Graduate Western Washington University, BS Political Science, 1988
- Graduate Gonzaga University School of Law, JD, Magna Cum Laude, 1994

Professional Affiliations, Committees

- Family Law Executive Committee, 2007 to 2011
- Chair of the Family Law Executive Committee, 2010.
- Past member of the Spokane County Family Law Section and past vice-chair.
- SRLJC Performance Measures Subcommittee, January 2015 to April 2016.
- Spokane County Superior Court Criminal Liaison Committee, January 2015 to April 2016.

COMMISSIONER NICHOLE SWENNUMSON

Career Highlights

- Associate attorney at Robert Cossey & Associates, family & criminal law 2005 - 2009
- Associate attorney at Law Office of Paul B. Mack, family law 2009 - 2016
- Pro Tem Commissioner for Spokane County Superior Court, April 2014 - 2016

Education

- Graduate of Rogers High School, 1998
- Graduate of Eastern Washington University, Summa Cum Laude 2002
- Graduate of Gonzaga University School of Law, Magna Cum Laude 2005

Civic Involvement

- Spokane Neighborhood Action Programs, Intern
- Center for Justice, Intern