



# Spokane County Title 11 Court Visitor Initial Certification\* Training Agenda

## DAY ONE: October 28, 2021 – In Person

- 8:30 – 8:45    **Check-in and Housekeeping**
- 8:45 – 9:00    **Welcome:** Spokane County Superior Court Title 11 Court Visitor Training  
Lisa Malpass and Brent Stanyer
- 9:00 – 10:15    **“Guardianship/Conservatorship Basics: RCW 11, Terminology, Roles, Duties, Scope and Limitations”** Bill Dodge
- 10:15 – 10:30    Break
- 10:30 – 11:15    **“Functional Capacity and Alternatives to Guardianship/Conservatorship”**  
Brent Stanyer, Attorney
- 11:15 – 12:15    **“Interviewing the Respondent or Person Subject to Guardianship / Conservatorship”**  
Sharon Saito, Attorney
- 12:15 – 1:15    Lunch
- 1:15 – 2:00    **“Due Process and Rights in Guardianship / Conservatorship Proceedings”**  
Catherine Kardong, Attorney – Winston & Cashatt, Lawyers
- 2:00 – 3:00    **“Your Key to Services in the Community”**  
Kelly Moore, Certified Professional Guardian / Office of the Public Guardian
- 3:00 – 3:15    Break
- 3:15 – 4:00    **The Guardianship Monitoring Program (GMP) and Judicial Perspective**  
Rachelle Anderson, Spokane County Superior Court Judge  
Ana Fortson - Spokane County Superior Court GMP Coordinator
- 4:00 – 4:30    Questions, Complete Evaluations, Adjournment, Sign Out

## SPEAKER BIOS

**JUDGE RACHELLE ANDERSON** was appointed to Superior Court Dept. 12 in January 2019, prior to that, she served as a Spokane County Superior Court Commissioner since December 2010. Judge Anderson spent 13 years in private practice, focusing on family law and juvenile dependency matters. She spent a brief time as an Administrative Law Judge with the Washington State Office of Administrative hearings before her time on the bench.

**Professional Affiliations:** Judge Anderson currently serves as President of the Superior Court Judges Association and is Chair of the Superior Court Judges Association Guardianship and Probate Committee. She is former Chair of the Certified Professional Guardianship Board, former Chair of the WSBA Character and Fitness Board, and former Washington Young Lawyer Division Trustee. Judge Anderson also sits on the Standing Advisory Committee for the Spokane County Volunteer Lawyers Program.

**Education:** Eastern Washington University, Government, BA, 1994 • Gonzaga University School of Law, JD, 1997

**Personal:** Lifetime Spokane Resident • Married with five daughters between the two of us, dog lover and avid Gonzaga Basketball fan! Go ZAGS!

**WILLIAM C. DODGE**, Administrative Law Judge, Pro Tem (Ret.), CAPT, USN (Ret.)  
Bill graduated from Gonzaga School of Law in 1980 and then served on active duty in the Navy as a JAG until 1984. He remained in the Navy Reserves until he retired in 2008 as a Captain (O6) after consecutive tours as Commanding Officer of Navy Reserve Intelligence units. He has served as a Special Assistant United States Attorney (SAUSA) and Assistant Attorney General (AAG). Bill has most recently served as an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) for the Washington State Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH), conducting hearings for several different caseloads. Bill served as an Assistant Deputy Chief to the Chief Administrative Law Judge (agency director) in his final 4 ½ years with OAH. Although he retired in 2014 Bill continued to work as a Pro Tem ALJ and for the Chief ALJ on special projects until 2020.

Bill has been a CLE presenter for the King County Bar Association at its annual mandatory GAL training and recently for the OAH initiative - Suitable Representation in OAH hearings. He also presented a CLE on Suitable Representation at the October Legal Lunchbox™ Series in 2020, for the Washington State Bar Association. He has facilitated several training academies for new and experienced ALJs and led the agency's efforts to improve the quality of work for all OAH ALJs.

Bill has served as a GAL in Spokane County for over 30 years and has been a presenter at a number of previous training sessions for new GAL candidates since 2006 as well at the annual mandatory training for GALs on the Spokane County registry. Bill speaks to parents affiliated with the Down Syndrome Connections Network about guardianship options for their children when they reach 18 and has assisted a graduate student in a video for her thesis: Supported Decision Making. He is passionate about his work as a GAL and is committed to conducting thorough investigations and writing GAL reports

that tell a complete story of the AIP. He received the GAL of the Year award from Spokane County for his Pro Bono work in a case involving the parents (Petitioners) of a US Army Soldier who was critically wounded in an IED attack in Iraq. For those efforts he also received the Random Acts of Professionalism from the Washington State Bar Association. Bill has received recognition from the Bench for writing “The best GAL report I have ever read.”

**CATHERINE KARDONG** - Catherine graduated first in her class from Gonzaga University School of Law and began her legal career at the Washington State Supreme Court, where she clerked for Washington Supreme Court Justice Mary E. Fairhurst. She was then selected as an honors candidate at the Washington State Attorney General’s Office and spent two years in Olympia representing areas within the Department of Social and Health Services that serve the aging and disabled populations of Washington. Catherine and her family relocated to Spokane where she continued on with the Attorney General’s Office and began representing various institutions of higher education, most recently acting as lead counsel for Eastern Washington University.

Catherine is originally from Spokane, having graduated from Lewis and Clark High School before venturing to the east coast to earn her undergraduate degree from Boston College. During law school, she was a Thomas More Scholar and a member of the Gonzaga Law Review. She also clerked for United States District Court Judge Robert H. Whaley and United States Bankruptcy Judge John A. Rossmeissl. She was admitted into practice in Washington in January of 2014.

In her spare time, she enjoys cooking, baking, and spending time with her husband, two children, and all their extended family that live in town.

**ANA KEMMERER, Coordinator, Spokane County Monitoring Guardianship Program** - For almost 23 years, Ana has served and worked with the Spokane County Superior Court. Since 2001, she has been a member of its’ Guardianship Monitoring Program (GMP) staff, a “model” in its field since its’ inception in 2000. In April 2008, she was promoted to coordinator of the GMP.

Ana serves on a variety of other committees including a nationwide group of managers of guardianship monitoring programs. Because of her unique expertise, she also assisted in preparing the Washington State Best Practices guardianship monitoring workgroup report.

Ana enjoys networking with like-minded people, speaking to groups, and even hosting other counties to discuss Spokane’s celebrated Guardianship Monitoring Program.

**KELLY B. MOORE** has spent most of the last 30 years in social services with a primary focus on people with developmental disabilities and people who have been marginalized. She has spent many years developing, implementing and monitoring person centered plans, positive behavioral support and developing effective and responsible teams. Her roles have been as a care provider, case manager, management team, quality assurance manager, human resource coordinator, trainer, trouble-shooter, supervisor, advisor and advocate. She has developed classes, trained and

consulted in a variety of arenas in the social services for ADSA, DSHS, DDA, ALTCEW and at times participated in training new Guardian ad Litem. Kelly has been a Certified Professional Guardian since 2006 and was a partner in a large guardianship agency prior to conducting business with the Office of Public Guardianship. Kelly has been the sole proprietor of Moore Guardianship Services since 2012 working with people with developmental disabilities, aging and mental health issues. Kelly was the president of the advisory board for Eastern Washington Long Term Care Ombudsman Program for 9 years. She was the secretary of the Air Force Inland Empire Association for 11 years. Kelly has a bachelor of arts in Psychology from Hastings College in Nebraska. Kelly enjoys the great outdoors whenever possible!

**SHARON ANN SAITO** was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. She graduated from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 1979 with a B.A. in Political Science and a certificate from the Marine Option Program. She is a proud graduate of the Gonzaga University School of Law, Class of 1982. Since obtaining her J.D., Ms. Saito's practice has included dependency cases where, at varying points of time, she represented children, parents, foster parents, adoptive parents, and the State of Washington in Pend Oreille County as a Special Assistant Attorney General for Children's Services. Ms. Saito was a founding member of the Pend Oreille County Family Dependency Drug Court and is a past president of the Spokane Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League. Her current practice continues to include serving as a Title 4 Guardian ad Litem for vulnerable/impaired individuals, adoptions and RCW 11.88 guardianships.

Ms. Saito has been on the RCW 11.88 Guardian ad Litem registry in Spokane County since 2000 and also serves on the RCW 11.88 registries for Adams, Pend Oreille, and Stevens Counties.

**BRENT T. STANYER** - For over 25 years Brent has practiced law in Spokane in the areas of elder law and special needs planning, estate and trust planning and administration, and health care. He has also been a GAL in Spokane County Superior Court since 2002.

He is a member of the Washington State Bar Association, the National and Washington Academies of Elder Law Attorneys. He is a past president, board member and officer of the Spokane Estate Planning Council.

Brent is a lifelong Washingtonian. He and his family have lived in Spokane for over 25 years, where he has worked in private legal practice, and legal and management positions with health care organizations. He has also been an adjunct professor and lecturer at Washington State University, Whitworth University, and University of Idaho Law School.

Brent graduated with his law degree (magna cum laude) from the Gonzaga University School of Law in 1992. He also holds an MBA from the Drucker Management Center at Claremont Graduate University and an MA in Ethics from Loma Linda University.

He is active in community, church, and nonprofit organizations. His personal interests include singing with the Spokane Symphony Chorale, running/cycling/swimming and reading.