

Memorandum of Understanding with Skagit County Superior Court

Court Appointed Guardian Ad Litem

Procedures for County-Paid Services

Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) appointed by the court in Title 11 and Title 26 cases agree to comply with the following fee and expense payment procedure:

Guardian ad Litem shall be paid at the rate of \$75.00 per hour up to \$1,000 without further court order.

Expenses pertaining to the GAL appointment are governed by the following standards:

1. Ordinary and usual costs of performing duties of the GAL, such as, but not limited to, telephone charges, postage, and copies at actual cost.
2. The GAL shall not be reimbursed for in-county travel. Any request for out-of-county travel must be pre-approved by the Court and will be paid at half the applicable hourly rate while in travel status, at the full rate while conducting business at the remote location and half the hourly rate in return trip travel status. As a condition of appointment to the Registry, GAL's residing outside of Skagit County agree not to charge for the time traveling to or from their out-of-county location.
3. The GAL expressly reserves the right to petition the Court for extraordinary relief for extraordinary circumstances and the County acknowledges that reservation.

The GAL should present a motion detailing costs accompanied by receipts for exceptional expenses with a proposed order to the court specifying the total amount for services rendered. A copy of the signed order must be delivered to Court Administration.

Signature

Date

Printed Name