

**Memorandum of Understanding with Skagit County Superior Court  
Court Appointed Guardian ad Litem  
Procedures for County-Paid Services**

Guardian ad Litem appointed by the court in Title 11 and Title 26 cases agree to comply with the following fee and expense payment procedures:

Guardian ad Litem shall be paid at the rate of \$50.00 per hour with a \$750.00 maximum cap. Expenses pertaining to the guardian ad litem appointment are governed by the following standards:

1. Ordinary and usual costs of performing duties of guardian ad litem, such as, but not limited to, telephone charges, postage and copies, at actual cost,
2. The Guardian ad Litem 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 at a half the hourly rate in return trip travel status. As a condition of appointment to the Registry, guardian ad litem residing outside Skagit County agree not to charge for travel or time traveling to or from their out-of-county location.
3. The Guardian ad Litem expressly reserves and the County acknowledges the Guardian ad Litem's right to petition the Court for extraordinary relief for extraordinary circumstances.

The Guardian ad Litem 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.

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Signature

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Date

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Printed Name