Settlement Guardian ad Litem Training
Mandatory Training for King County
Settlement Guardians ad Litem (SPR 98.16W Registry)
Required for initial application – and/or to remain on – the King County SGAL Registry

October 25, 2011
Washington State Convention & Trade Center, 800 Convention Place, Seattle

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AGENDA
8:00-8:30am Registration and Coffee Service

8:30-8:35am Introduction and Overview
Program Co-Chairs:
Craig E. Coombs, Coombs Law Firm, PLLC
The Honorable Nancy Bradburn-Johnson, Commissioner, King County Superior Court

8:35-9:15am SGAL Basic Requirements
Jo-Hanna Read, Law Office of Jo-Hanna Read

- Review of 98.16W and GALR Rules
- Review of and Compliance with Order of Appointment, Basic Report Requirements, Communication with Petitioning Counsel
- Extent of Participation in ADR for Plaintiff, Allocation Issues Between Multiple Parties, Review of Plaintiff’s Fees and Costs
- SGAL Liability
- SGAL Local Rules
- Role of LGAL
- UIM Cases/Settlement Limits
- Extent of participation in ADR for Plaintiff, allocation issues between multiple parties (apportionment), review of plaintiff’s fees and costs (are they reasonable?)
- SGAL Liability
- SGAL Local Rules
- Role of LGAL and Ethical Considerations
- Working with Parents Who Do Not Have An Attorney

9:15-10:00am Review of Basic Negligence/Liability Principles
Bradford J. Fulton, Carter & Fulton PS

- Review of basic negligence/liability principles
- Duty, breach, proximate cause, damages
- Focus on problems in specialty cases—medical malpractice, traumatic brain injury, premises liability, claims against government entities, inter-family claims, intentional torts, dram shop
- Claims that Can and Can’t Be Made
- Client elements outside textbook tort law that impact settlements
10:00-10:15am  Break

10:15-11:00am  Defense Counsel’s Perspective, Tips, & Issues
Roy Umlauf, Forsberg & Umlauf, P.S.
- Multiple plaintiffs with limited insurance
- Empty chairs, employer conduct, vicarious liability
- Department Labor and Industries Liens
- Insurance issues, additional insurance
- What are the insurance companies looking for?

11:00-11:45am  Coverage Issues and Adequate Damages
Bob Anderton, Anderton Law Office - Washington Bike Law
- Obtaining a full recovery
- Finding coverage: auto BI, UIM and PIP, trucking and taxi, homeowners and renters, corporate, professional liability, umbrella, med pay, and health insurance
- Coordinating first and third party coverage
- Additional compensation from fees (Hamm, Olympic Steamship, etc.)

11:45-12:45pm  Lunch on your own

12:45-1:45pm  Resolution of Claims Against the Recovery
Vonda Sargent, Law Offices of Vonda M. Sargent
- Who does it? When is it done? Who pays for it?
- Subrogation and Liens for Medicare, Medicaid and MD/hospitals

1:45-2:00pm  Issues of Concern from the Court Perspective
The Honorable Nancy Bradburn-Johnson, Commissioner, King County Superior Court

2:00-2:15pm  Break

2:15-3:15pm  Specialized Topics
Beth Cooper, Andrews Skinner, PS
- Settlement Management Issues

Barbara Isenhour, Isenhour Bleck PLLC
- Guardianship Trusts
- Special Needs Trusts
- Settlement Trusts

Roy Umlauf, Forsberg & Umlauf  P.S.
- Structured Settlements

Robert Zielke, Zielke Law Firm PS
- Bonding and Blocking
- Insured Deposit Accounts

Robert Dawson, DawsonBrown, P.S.
- SGAL Conflicts

3:15-3:35pm  Attorney Fees: Evaluating Requests for Approval of Attorney’s Fees
Lee Raaen, Attorney at Law
3:35-4:15pm  Question & Answer Panel Discussion
Moderator: Craig E. Coombs, Coombs Law Firm, PLLC
The Honorable Nancy Bradburn-Johnson, Commissioner, King County Superior Court
Beth Cooper, Andrews Skinner, PS
Robert Dawson, DawsonBrown, P.S.
Michael J. Longyear, Reed Longyear Malnati & Ahrens PLLC
Lee Raanen, Attorney at Law
Robert Zielke, Zielke Law Firm PS

4:15pm  Evaluations and Adjourn

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Registration Fee Received before 5:00pm, October 18, 2011
_____  $225.00  All Registrants

Registration Fee Received after 5:00pm, October 18, 2011
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