

Communications Chair – 2022-2023 Statement of Interest and Candidate Qualifications

Qualifications include a diverse background in Elder Law and a unique perspective as a practicing fiduciary.

Long time member of the executive committee of the Elder Law Section. Historical knowledge of the operations and service.

Communications is a good fit because my work brings together information not only from the legal side, but also from the regulatory side (Department of Financial Institutions) and the guardianship practice (Certified Professional Guardianship Board)

My company, Ohana Fiduciary Corporation provides a wide range of fiduciary services to the elderly and vulnerable populations, including: Guardianships, Agencies, Trustees, and Personal Representative. Services include both financial management and care management.

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Principal
Ohana Fiduciary Corporation

Curriculum Vitae

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Employment - Current

Principal: Ohana Fiduciary Corporation and Ohana Financial Services, a Washington State Chartered Trust Company, Certified Professional Guardianship Agency and Professional Fiduciary. Ohana serves as guardians, trustees, attorneys in fact, and probate administrators along with other fiduciary roles.

Employment - Prior

Principal: Aiken, St Louis & Siljeg, P.S., a private law practice. Since 1991 practicing in the areas of Tax, Estate Planning, Trusts, Guardianship Administration, Probate Administration, Trust Administration, Vulnerable Adult Protection Litigation, Power of Attorney Litigation, Guardianship Law and Guardianship and Probate related litigation.

Education

University of Massachusetts, Amherst. B.A. degree, cum laude, 1986

Albany Law School of Union University J.D. Degree, 1990.

Related Certifications

Washington State Certified Professional Guardian

Professional Memberships

Washington State Bar Association (WSBA)

WSBA Real Property, Probate and Trust Section and Elder Law Sections (Executive Committee Member Current Communications Chair)

King County Bar Association.

2012-2015 Co-Chair for the King County Bar Association Mandatory Inter-county Title 11.88 Guardian ad Litem Training and Certification Program. Faculty 2012 - Present

Washington On-Line Lay Guardian Mandatory Training Revisions Committee – 2014

Independent Disciplinary Review Committee, Administrator of the Courts Certified Professional Guardianship Program – 2016

Certified Professional Guardianship Rules Committee – 2017

President – Washington Association of Certified Professional Guardians – 2021 - Present

Faculty Member – Washington State Certified Guardianship Board Hiatus Training Program – 2021

Community Positions

President of the Wallingford Chamber of Commerce, 1995-7

President of the University Lions Club 2003-4,

Trustee of the University Lions Foundation 2003-4

Board Member and Legal Counsel for Deaf Connection 1992-1993

Board Member and Legal Counsel for the Wallingford Community Services 1993-1998

Board Member for the Ethnic Heritage Council 2007-2014.

Volunteer Positions

University of Washington CPG Professional Guardianship Certificate Training Support Instructor. 2016 – present.

Senior Services/Sound Resources – Volunteer Attorney for Senior Assistance Program, 1999 – present.

King County VAPWA program 1991-2004.

Publications/Presentations (Partial Listing)

Guardian ad Litem Training Manual (King County Bar Association, 2018)
Co-Editor.

Managing a Professional Guardianship – Ethical Considerations
(Washington Association of Professional Guardians, Mark C. Vohr, 2017)

Working with a Professional Fiduciary (King County Bar Association, Advanced Guardianship Training (Mark C. Vohr, 2017)

Annual Probate Administration (Chapter 11.40/11.42 RCW – Claims Against the Estate) (King County Bar Association/Mark C. Vohr 2010-2017).

The 13th Annual Fall Elder Law Conference: Recognizing and Resolving Conflicts in Elder Law (Washington State Bar Association, Program Co-Chair/Caselaw Update) October 15, 2010

The Intersection of Family and Elder Law: Strategic Solutions (RCW 74.34 Abuse of Vulnerable Adults, Vulnerable Adult Protection Orders) Washington State Bar Association October 30, 2009

The 12th Annual Fall Elder Law Conference: High Conflict Personalities in Elder Law (Washington State Bar Association, Program Co-Chair/Caselaw update) September 18, 2009

Protecting Vulnerable Adults: Tools for Planning and Litigation (Washington State Bar Association, Program Co-Chair) July 1, 2009

Estate of Karnath – Background of Fiduciary Duty (Washington State Bar Association, Mark C. Vohr, January 8, 2008)

Guardianships from Petition to GAL Report (Mark C. Vohr, July 5, 2007)

Final Words of Wisdom (King County Bar Association, 2007 GAL Training Presentation) February 23, 2007

Elder Law Study Panel (Fall 2008 Elder Law Conference Panel Member and CLE Co-Chair) 2008

Essentials of Elder Law: TEDRA & How to Protect Your Elder Clients (The Fundamentals of TEDRA: What it is and How it Works) January 19, 2007

GAL/Professional Fiduciary Perspective (King County Bar Association 2017 Advanced Guardianship Issues – March 30, 2017

Less Restrictive Alternatives To Guardianships (King County Bar Association – 2019)

Working With and Representing the Professional Fiduciary (17th Annual Trust and Estate Litigation Seminar Washington State Bar Association – April 23, 2020)

Basics of the Uniform Guardianship Act 101(2020 Title 11 Guardianship Guardian ad Litem Training - Co-Sponsored with the KCBA Guardianship & Elder Law Section - June 4, 2020)

Things to know in Representing Guardians (Elder Law Fall CLE - Washington State Bar Association - September 24, 2020)

Reporting Under the Uniform Guardianship Act (Washington Association of Professional Guardians – November 10, 2020)

Overview of the final [Uniform Guardianship and Conservator and Other Protective Arrangements Act] (Washington Association of Professional Guardians – November 10, 2020)

Overview of the Electronic Wills Act. (WSBA, 12-02-2021)

Trust Administration, Pitfalls and Practice Tips. (WSBA, 12-02-2021)

New Duties Under the UGA Post Appointments (Pierce County Bar Association, Co Author, 11-4-2021)

Notice Provisions under the UGA (Pierce County Bar Association, 11-04-2021)