

STATE OF MAINE

SUPERIOR COURT

DISTRICT COURT

\_\_\_\_\_, ss  
Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_  
Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

Plaintiff

v.

ORDER FOR APPOINTMENT  
OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM

Defendant

Pursuant to 19-A MRSA §1507 it is determined that a guardian ad litem shall be appointed in this case and the court appoints \_\_\_\_\_, whose address is \_\_\_\_\_, to serve in the capacity of guardian ad litem for the following minor child(ren)(with dates of birth): \_\_\_\_\_. The appointment is in effect (until \_\_\_\_\_) (for the duration of the case) (until vacated by the court). Caretakers of the minor children shall allow the Guardian ad litem access to the minor child(ren).

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

If this box is checked, the parents are ordered to execute all authorizations to allow the release of information deemed necessary by the Guardian.

DUTIES OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM

The guardian ad litem shall:

1. Review the relevant statutes, including 19-A MRSA §1653(3) and §1507.
2. Inform the court if there is a need for information concerning the child or parents for which an authorization from the parents may be needed.
3. Interview the child(ren) face-to-face with or without another person present.
4. Make a written report of investigations, findings and recommendations every (6 months) or as follows: \_\_\_\_\_ with copies of the report to each party and the court.
5. The following other duties the court determines necessary: \_\_\_\_\_

The guardian ad litem may also:

- a. Interview parents, teachers and other persons knowledgeable of the child(ren) or family.
- b. Review mental health, medical and school records of the child(ren).
- c. Review mental health and medical records of the parents.
- d. Have qualified people perform medical and mental health evaluations of the child(ren) and parents.
- e. Obtain counseling for the child(ren).
- f. With prior court approval, retain an attorney to represent the guardian ad litem in the pending proceeding.
- g. Subpoena witnesses and documents, and examine and cross-examine witnesses.
- h. Serve as a contact person between the parents and the child(ren).
- i. Petition the court to perform any other appropriate duty.
- j. File pleadings.

FEE ARRANGEMENTS

The parties shall be responsible for paying the initial costs of the services of the guardian ad litem as follows:

By Plaintiff: \_\_\_\_\_ By Defendant: \_\_\_\_\_

The guardian ad litem shall ultimately be paid for services as follows:

- This issue is reserved for decision at time of final hearing
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

The clerk is directed to make the following entry in the civil docket pursuant to M.R.Civ.P. 79(a).  
"Order filed. \_\_\_\_\_ appointed as guardian ad litem for the children listed above. This Order is incorporated into the docket by reference at the specific direction of the court."

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge / Justice / Case Management Officer