

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
DIVISION OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

Plaintiff / Petitioner

Enter: _____
Date: _____
Case No. _____
-vs/and-
File No. _____
CSEA No. _____
Defendant / Petitioner
Judge _____
Magistrate _____

Order Appointing Guardian Ad Litem

It appearing to the Court that pursuant to Local Rule Title X the appointment of a guardian ad litem only is warranted, the Court hereby orders the appointment of: _____ as the guardian ad litem for the minor child(ren): _____ . Whenever feasible, this same guardian ad litem shall be reappointed for a specific child(ren) in any subsequent case in any court relating to the best interest of the child(ren).

It is further ordered that:

Plaintiff shall deposit the sum of \$ _____ and/or Defendant shall deposit the sum of \$ _____ to be deposited with the Clerk of Courts. Said total deposit shall be at least \$1,750.00 unless the Court specifies otherwise.

Thereafter, Plaintiff shall pay _____ percent and Defendant shall pay _____ percent of the guardian ad litem's fees to be deposited with the Clerk of Courts. The guardian ad litem shall submit monthly billing to counsel and/or pro se litigants. No sooner than fifteen (15) days of the service of the monthly billing, the guardian ad litem shall submit an entry (DR 10.7) for the release of funds for payment for the bill sent by the guardian ad litem unless there is a motion in opposition filed by either party. The entry submitted by the guardian ad litem shall state the date on which the bill was served and the entry shall be signed by the guardian ad litem accordingly.

Failure to pay the guardian ad litem's fees as ordered herein may result in a finding of contempt of court, the limitation of evidence, the dismissal of claims for relief or other sanctions allowed by law.

OR:

The guardian ad litem services are being provided on a pro bono basis. The Court may, upon further review, reallocate the guardian ad litem fees to either or both parties.

It is further ordered that:

In order to provide the court with relevant information and an informed recommendation as to the child's best interest, the guardian ad litem's responsibilities pursuant to Sup R 48(D) shall include:

1. Review criminal, civil, educational and administrative records pertaining to the child and, if appropriate, to the child's family or to other parties in the case;
2. Interview school personnel, medical and mental health providers, child protective services workers and relevant court personnel and obtain copies of relevant records;
3. Review pleadings and other relevant court documents in the case in which the guardian ad litem is appointed;
4. Perform any other investigation necessary to make an informed recommendation regarding the best interest of the child.

The guardian ad litem shall be given notice of all hearings and proceedings and shall be provided a copy of all pleadings, motions, notices and other documents filed in the case.

This appointment shall remain in effect until discharged by order of the court, by the court filing a final order in the case or by court rule.

Judge / Magistrate

Copies to:

Attorney for Plaintiff/Petitioner

Attorney for Defendant/Petitioner

Guardian ad Litem