

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
KENDALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

Case No. _____

Petitioner	Respondent	File stamp
Petitioner's Attorney	Respondent's Attorney	
Judge	Deputy Clerk	
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Petitioner present: Yes No Respondent Present: Yes No

ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM

THIS CAUSE coming before the Court to be heard pursuant to 750 ILCS 5/506, and the Court having jurisdiction over the parties, the subject matter, and being fully advised:

THE COURT FINDS THE FOLLOWING:

- A. The parties' information is located on the GAL Information Sheet attached to this Order and is impounded.

- B. Issues have arisen between the parties regarding a parenting time schedule and/or the allocation of parental responsibilities and/or relocation and the parties cannot agree on what is in the best interests of their children.

- C. It is in the best interests of the minor child(ren) to have a Guardian ad Litem appointed.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. _____ (Name), whose _____ address _____ is _____, whose telephone number is _____, and whose email address (or assistant) is _____, is appointed as Guardian ad Litem in this case.

2. Within five (5) days of entry of this Order, counsel for the Petitioner Respondent shall send to the Guardian ad Litem a copy of this Order and all relevant notices, pleadings, and orders for this case that pertain to the child(ren).

3. The Guardian ad Litem shall file his/her appearance on behalf of the child(ren) within seven(7) days of receipt of this Order or notify the parties and/or their counsel if he/she cannot accept the appointment. By filing an appearance, the Guardian ad Litem represents he/she can accept the appointment.

4. The Guardian ad Litem shall be entitled to the same notice and opportunity to participate, including discovery, relating to issues concerning the Guardian ad Litem's investigation, in this matter.

5. The Guardian ad Litem shall have access to the child(ren) without impediment from the parties and access to all relevant documents including, but not limited to, educational records, medical records, mental health records, and any other document necessary to complete his/her investigation. The parties shall cooperate to sign releases as requested by the GAL in order for the GAL to complete their investigation.

6. The parties and the minor child(ren) shall sign necessary releases to allow the Guardian ad Litem to access relevant information regarding the minor child(ren) or the parties within seven days after a request is made.

7. The Guardian ad Litem's attorney's fees shall be paid:

Pro Bono; neither party shall pay anything to the Guardian ad Litem for his/her work

The parties shall pay an initial retainer of \$_____. The retainer shall be paid on or before _____ (or within 7 days from the date of this Order if no date is specified). Payment of the initial retainer shall be without prejudice, subject to reallocation, and shall be allocated between the litigants as follows:

Petitioner ____% and \$_____ Respondent ____% and \$_____

Any Guardian ad Litem fees incurred after the initial retainer is exhausted shall be paid by the parties commensurate with their allocated percentage as stated above, until further order. If no percentage is indicated, the parties shall be responsible on a 50/50 basis for subsequent fees after the initial retainer is exhausted and until further court order.

The Guardian ad Litem shall provide the parties, at a minimum, statements every 90 days itemizing the work performed and the balance of the parties' retainer payment during the Guardian ad Litem's investigation.

8. The Guardian ad Litem shall not conduct his/her investigation until the retainer is paid in full by both parties, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

9. The Guardian ad Litem shall investigate the following issues:

Allocation of Parental Responsibilities

Allocation of Parenting Time

Relocation

Other: _____

10. The Guardian ad Litem shall make an oral report only with recommendations unless otherwise directed by the Court.

11. The issue of a formal written report including the analysis for the Guardian ad Litem's recommendations is reserved until further Order of Court.

12. The parties shall contact the Guardian ad Litem within three (3) days of this order being entered for the GAL to begin their intake process. Parties are to cooperate with the GAL in scheduling interviews and home visits.

13. This appointment shall not terminate until further Order of Court or 30 days after entry of final judgment without further Order of Court, whichever first occurs.

14. This matter is continued to _____, 20____ at _____m. in Courtroom _____ of the Kendall County Courthouse, 807 W. John St. Yorkville, Illinois, for status on the Guardian ad Litem report.

Date: _____

Judge

