

Attachment E

APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM ("GAL")

THE COURT FINDS that a GAL is necessary to represent the best interests of [NAME OF THE WARD] (DOB _____) because _____.

IT IS ORDERED appointing _____ as the Guardian Ad Litem ("GAL").

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this appointment shall continue until the court determines that a GAL is no longer necessary to represent the best interests of [NAME OF THE WARD].

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the GAL shall comply with Probate Rule 33 in seeking compensation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the GAL shall have the authority to:

a) Meet with [NAME OF THE WARD] at any location where [NAME OF THE WARD] may be located;

b) Meet and interview all persons living in the same household as [NAME OF THE WARD];

c) Visit [NAME OF THE WARD]'s home(s) to determine if the environments are appropriate for [NAME OF THE WARD];

d) Investigate and review the background of any person or entity who is, or who is interested in becoming, [NAME OF THE WARD]'s guardian/conservator, including, but not limited to, criminal arrests and convictions, and credit history;

e) Obtain and review [NAME OF THE WARD]'s medical, psychological, and counseling records, including records that are otherwise privileged or confidential;

f) Obtain and review [NAME OF THE WARD]'s financial records, including records that are otherwise privileged or confidential; and

g) Obtain and review law enforcement, or Adult or Child Protective Services records concerning [NAME OF THE WARD], and/or of any person or entity who is, or who is interested in becoming, [NAME OF THE WARD]'s guardian/conservator;

h) Obtain and review court records, including mental health court records, concerning [NAME OF THE WARD];

i) File any motions, petitions, and any other pleadings to further the best interests of [NAME OF THE WARD].

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the custodian of any relevant record relating to [NAME OF THE WARD] as listed above shall fully cooperate with the GAL by providing the GAL with access to such records.

The GAL has a duty to: (a) act in the best interest of [NAME OF THE WARD]; (b) avoid engaging in excessive or unproductive activities; and (c) affirmatively assess the financial cost of pursuing any action compared to the reasonably expected benefit to [NAME OF THE WARD].

The GAL has limited immunity consistent with Arizona case law applicable to Officers of the Court as to all actions undertaken pursuant to the Court appointment and this Order. Any alleged impropriety or unethical conduct by the GAL shall be brought to the attention of the Court in writing.

This minute entry is signed as the formal written Order of this Court.

DONE IN OPEN COURT this date: _____

Hon. _____
Judge of the Superior Court

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