

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF DEFIANCE COUNTY, OHIO  
JUVENILE DIVISION**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Plaintiff,

vs.

**CASE NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER APPOINTING  
GUARDIAN AD LITEM**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant.

The parties having moved for the appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem, and it appearing that the appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem is essential to protect the interests of the minor children; it is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

1. That \_\_\_\_\_ is hereby appointed Guardian Ad Litem for the minor child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Upon presentation of a copy of this order to any agency, hospital, physician, chiropractor, optometrist, dentist, nurse, or other medical, dental, optical practitioner, psychologist, psychiatrist, or other mental health practitioner, organization, school, person or office including but limited to the Clerk of this Court, human services agencies, public children services agencies, private child placing agencies, health departments, juvenile courts, and juvenile probation departments, the Guardian Ad Litem shall be permitted to inspect and copy any records relating to the child and or to confer with any and all professionals who may provide information relative to said minor children with respect to issues pending before this Court without the consent of the child or parent.
3. That the Guardian Ad Litem appointed to this cause shall maintain any information received from any such source as confidential, and will not disclose the same except to report to the Court or as the Court directs or law permits.
4. That the Guardian Ad Litem shall be given notice of and shall appear at all hearings or proceedings scheduled in this cause and assure proper representation of the child at said hearings unless excused or otherwise indicated by the Court.
5. That the Guardian Ad Litem shall be notified of any hearings, reviews, investigations, depositions, or other proceedings concerning the child and shall be entitled to attend the same.

6. That the Guardian Ad Litem shall be notified prior to any change being made in the child(ren)'s residential placement and/or case plan by any party, except those actions taken to prevent immediate or threatened physical or emotional harm to the child(ren) as provided in 2151.41.2, in which case the Guardian Ad Litem must be notified before the end of the next business day after the change is made.
  
7. That the Guardian Ad Litem shall charge at the rate of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per hour for his/her services.
  
8. That the fees for said guardian ad litem shall be taxed as follows:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
9. The Court reserves the right to assess the remaining GAL fees at the final hearing.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge/Magistrate

Approved:  
  
\_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION**

A copy of this Order was hand-delivered or mailed to counsel of the parties or to the parties without counsel and to the guardian ad litem this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_. (Receipt of a copy of this order was waived by the parties and/or counsel.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature