

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
ASHLAND COUNTY, OHIO
DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION**

Case No. _____

Plaintiff/First Petitioner,

vs./and

ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM

Defendant/Second Petitioner.

It appearing to the Court that the best interests of the minor child(ren) in this case would be served and protected by appointing a Guardian *ad litem*, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. _____ shall be appointed Guardian *ad litem* in this case for the minor children to wit: _____ .

2. The _____ shall deposit the sum of \$ _____ into the trust account of the Guardian *ad litem* on or before _____. Said deposit shall be applied to the billings filed by the Guardian *ad litem* with the Court, upon order of the Court. The Court may order additional deposits from time to time to pay the costs of the Guardian *ad litem*. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to reallocate the costs upon the conclusion of the case.

3. Upon presentation of a copy of this order to any agency, hospital, organization, school, person, or office, the Guardian *ad litem* shall be permitted to inspect and copy any records relating to the child(ren) without the consent of the child(ren) or parent and to discuss all matters pertinent to those records and the child(ren). If necessary, the parties shall execute releases which will enable the Guardian *ad litem* to access, review and obtain copies of any records or information pertaining to the child(ren). By requesting the services of a Guardian *ad litem*, the parties specifically authorize release of any and all health care records and/or any Protected Health Information as contemplated by HIPAA (45 CFR part 2, 45 CFR §160 *et seq.*) and any relevant provisions of Ohio law. The Guardian *ad litem* shall maintain all information received from any confidential source as confidential and shall not disclose the same except as the law permits.

4. The Guardian *ad litem* shall be given notice of and shall be permitted to appear at all hearings in this case relating to the child(ren).

5. The Guardian *ad litem* fees are in the nature of child support for purposes of dischargeability in bankruptcy.

Judge/Magistrate