

STATE OF MAINE

CUMBERLAND

COUNTY PROBATE COURT

DOCKET NO. _____

In Re: _____
Minor

APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN AD LITEM FOR MINOR

1. Pursuant to 18-A MRSA § 1-112 and subject to the conditions set forth below, the Court appoints _____, a person rostered to serve as a Guardian ad Litem (“GAL”) in Maine, to serve as a GAL for the child in this matter whose name and date of birth is as follows:
_____.
2. The parties are ordered to pay the GAL an initial payment of \$ _____ on or before _____ as follows: By Petitioner: \$ _____; by other interested party: \$ _____, subject to re-allocation at final hearing.
3. The GAL shall confirm to the Court in writing that the fee has been paid in accordance with this Order. This appointment shall be vacated upon the request of the GAL if the fee is not paid in accordance with this Order.
4. The GAL shall spend no more than _____ hours on the investigation absent either: (a) a further Order of the Court or (b) a written agreement of the parties filed with the Court.
5. The GAL's fees, including the initial payment in paragraph 2 above, shall not exceed \$ _____ absent either: (a) a further Order of the Court or (b) a written agreement of the parties filed with the Court.
6. Absent further order of the Court, the GAL's duties are specifically limited as follows:
 - The GAL shall perform the mandatory statutory duties set forth in 19-A M.R.S. § 1507(3)(A);
 - The GAL shall investigate the following specific issues: _____
 - The GAL shall be required to interview only the following individuals: _____
 - The GAL's written report shall include recommendations on the following topics: _____
7. The Guardian shall prepare (a preliminary written report by _____ and) a final report:
 - no later than _____ days prior to the final hearing or
 - as follows: _____
8. Given the confidential nature of the material that may be reviewed by the GAL, all of the GAL's reports shall be confidential and sealed after the report is submitted to the court and to all parties. The reports shall not be disclosed by the parties or the GAL or further released by the Court, except as otherwise ordered by the Court.
9. The parents in this matter shall cooperate with the GAL. The parties are hereby ordered to sign releases granting the GAL access to the following specific types of records regarding following specific individuals:
 - _____ (party's name); type of records: _____
 - _____ (party's name); type of records: _____
 - _____ (child's name); type of records: _____

The Register is directed to make the following docket entry pursuant to M.R.Prob.P. 79(a):

“Order filed. _____
(name, address and phone number)
appointed as Guardian ad litem, for _____ . This Order is
(name of minor)
incorporated into the docket by reference at the specific direction of the Court.”

Dated _____

Judge of Probate

The undersigned accepts the above appointment as Guardian ad Litem – ~~Visitor~~ ¹Attorney and hereby submits to the jurisdiction of this Court.

Dated _____ . _____

MARP