

MAINE JUDICIAL BRANCH

_____ Plaintiff DISTRICT COURT
 Location (Town): _____
 V. Docket No.: _____
 _____ Defendant
 _____ Other party

OR

IN RE: _____

AMENDED ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM

Type of appointment Limited-Purpose Standard Expanded

Plaintiff/Petitioner's Defendant/Respondent's Other (_____)

Guardian ad Litem's (GAL) Motion to Amend the Order Appointing Guardian ad Litem is hereby GRANTED

by agreement after hearing without hearing because no timely response was filed. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Order Appointing Guardian ad Litem dated (mm/dd/yyyy): _____ is hereby amended as follows ("x" all that apply).

1. GAL's additional investigative duties: _____

2. Duration of appointment: _____

3. Number of additional hours authorized: _____

4. Fee arrangement:

A. The GAL shall use the standardized billing, itemization requirements and time reporting processes established by the Maine Rules for Guardians ad Litem, and when applicable, *Revised Fee Schedule for Guardians Ad Litem and Court Appointed Workers' Compensation Attorneys in All Courts, Me.* Admin. Order JB-05-5, as amended.

B. The total fee the GAL may receive is as follows (choose one option):

Flat fee. The GAL will complete all duties required in this order through the completion of mediation for a fee of \$_____. If a written report is required thereafter the fee for the report preparation will be \$_____. If the GAL is required to participate in hearing the fee for hearing will be \$_____.

Hourly rate. The GAL will complete all duties required in this order by spending no more than _____ hours at an hourly rate of \$_____, OR

Pro bono or minimal fee. The GAL will complete all duties required in this order without charging a fee or for the minimal fee of \$_____.

Payment by the Court. The GAL shall devote no more than _____ hours to this action

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absent the filing of a motion for additional hours and further court order.

C. The GAL's fee, if not a pro bono case, shall be paid as follows:

- On or before (mm/dd/yyyy) _____, plaintiff/petitioner shall pay \$ _____, defendant/respondent shall pay \$ _____, other (_____) shall pay \$ _____. The responsibility for payment may be reallocated at the final hearing.
- Plaintiff/Petitioner shall pay _____% of each bill, defendant/respondent shall pay _____% of each bill, other (_____) shall pay _____% of each bill subject to re-allocation at the final hearing. Each party shall pay the GAL within 14 days week month after receiving each bill; **or**
- Plaintiff/Petitioner shall pay \$ _____ per week month toward the GAL fees and expenses, defendant/respondent shall pay \$ _____ per week month toward the GAL fees and expenses, and other (_____) shall pay \$ _____ per week month. The responsibility for payment may be changed at the final hearing.

In addition, the GAL shall submit an itemized bill to the parties on a monthly / bi-weekly basis. The final fee payments shall be made within 14 days after the filing of the written report or, if no written report is required because the case has settled, within 14 days after the court has adopted the settlement. If the fee is not paid in accordance with this order, the GAL shall notify the court and the parties, and the court may vacate the appointment and take such other action it deems appropriate under the circumstances.

D. **No additional hours or fees will be authorized or approved for any type of appointment without prior approval by the Court through an amended or new order of appointment.**

5. **Written report:** _____

6. **Other:** _____

In all other respects, unless specifically amended herein, the ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM dated (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ shall remain in full force and effect.

The Clerk is directed to incorporate this Order by reference into the docket for this case, pursuant to M.R. Civ. P. 79(a).

Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____



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