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Plaintiff
V.
Defendant
Other party

DISTRICT COURT
Location (Town):
Docket No.:

AMENDED ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM (GAL)

Type of appointment Limited-Purpose Standard Expanded

Plaintiff's Defendant's Other GAL's Motion to Amend the Order Appointing Guardian ad Litem (GAL) 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 Family Division.

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

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 \$ .

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

On or before (mm/dd/yyyy) , plaintiff shall pay \$ , defendant shall pay \$ , other ( ) shall pay \$ . The responsibility for payment may be reallocated at the final hearing.

Plaintiff shall pay % of each bill, defendant 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 shall pay \$ per week month toward the GAL fees and expenses, defendant shall pay \$ per week month toward the GAL fees and expenses, and other

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( ) 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.

5. Written report:

6. Other:

In all other respects, unless specifically amended herein, the ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM (GAL) 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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