

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

File No.

In The General Court Of Justice
District Court Division

_____ County

IN THE MATTER OF:**ORDER TO APPOINT OR RELEASE
GUARDIAN AD LITEM
AND ATTORNEY ADVOCATE**

G.S. 7B-601, -1108

Name And Address Of Juvenile(s)

Name And Address Of Mother Other (Designate)Name And Address Of Father Other (Designate)**ORDER OF APPOINTMENT**

Pursuant to the authority contained in G.S. 7B-601 or 7B-1108, the following Guardians ad Litem and attorney advocate are appointed to represent the juvenile(s) named above in this proceeding.

Name Of Guardian Ad Litem Volunteer

Name And Address Of Attorney Advocate

Name Of Guardian Ad Litem Program Staff

Address

 Attorney Advocate is also acting as Guardian ad Litem.

Telephone No.

Telephone No.

The duties and responsibilities of the Guardian ad Litem program are as follows:

1. To make an investigation to determine the facts, the needs of the juvenile, and the available resources within the family and community to meet those needs.
2. To facilitate, when appropriate, the settlement of disputed issues.
3. To offer evidence and examine witnesses at adjudication.
4. To explore options with the Court at the dispositional hearing.
5. To conduct follow-up investigations to insure that the orders of the Court are being properly executed.
6. To report to the Court when the needs of the juvenile are not being met.
7. To protect and promote the best interests of the juvenile until formally relieved of responsibility by the Court.

The Guardian ad Litem has the authority to obtain any information or reports, whether or not confidential, that may in the Guardian ad Litem's opinion be relevant to the case. This order includes the release of confidential information subject to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). 45 C.F.R. 164.512(a), (e). No privilege other than the attorney-client privilege may be invoked to prevent the Guardian ad Litem and the Court from obtaining such information. The confidentiality of the information or reports shall be respected by the Guardian ad Litem and no disclosure of any information or reports shall be made to anyone, except by order of the Court or unless otherwise provided by law.

In addition, the Court orders the following:

 ACCOMPANY JUVENILE TO COURT IN CRIMINAL ACTION

The Guardian ad Litem is authorized to accompany the juvenile to court in any criminal action wherein the juvenile may be called on to testify in a matter relating to abuse.

Date

Name Of Presiding Judge (Type Or Print)

Signature Of Presiding Judge

RELEASE OF GUARDIAN AD LITEMIt is Ordered that the Guardian ad Litem volunteer Guardian ad Litem Program staff is released from duties in this proceeding.

Date

Name Of Presiding Judge (Type Or Print)

Signature Of Presiding Judge

RELEASE OF ATTORNEY ADVOCATE

It is Ordered that the attorney advocate is released from duties in this proceeding.

Date

Name Of Presiding Judge (Type Or Print)

Signature Of Presiding Judge