

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**Application for Child Representative/Guardian Ad Litem**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Business address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Business phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Training: List training you have received in the past two years in the areas of child development; roles of guardian *ad litem* and child representative; ethics in child custody cases; relevant substantive state, federal and case law in custody, allocation of parental responsibilities, visitation and parenting time; family dynamics including substance abuse, domestic abuse and mental health issues. Please include names, location of training, dates of training, hours completed, date completed, instructor(s) and type of certification received (if any). If available, please attach a course syllabus and certificate of completion. In lieu of a syllabus and certificates, an affidavit listing the above information may be submitted with your application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Member in good standing with the Illinois Bar?                       Yes \_\_\_\_\_  No

6. Date admitted to the Illinois Bar: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Years of practice in Illinois: \_\_\_\_\_

8. For the past \_\_\_\_\_ years, a majority of my practice has been in the area of family law.

9. I  have  have not been subject to any disciplinary action by the ARDC beyond a letter of complaint.  
*(If you have, please explain on a separate sheet.)*

10. I  have  have not been held in contempt of court by any court. *(If you have, please explain on a separate sheet.)*

11. I  have  have not completed 10 hours of continuing legal education courses in the areas of practice required by Illinois Supreme Court Rule 906 (c)(1), and said course was last completed on \_\_\_\_\_.

12. I understand that I must periodically attend additional child related courses in order to maintain my eligibility for appointment in custody, allocation of parental responsibilities, visitation and parenting time.

13. I understand that I may occasionally be appointed in cases involving indigents and agree to provide my legal services at a reduced fee or *pro bono* if such an appointment occurs.

14. I certify that I am currently covered by professional liability insurance which would cover any and all claims against me arising out of my legal services as a child representative or guardian *ad litem*. I agree to maintain such coverage as long as I remain on the appointment list.

I respectfully request that the Court review my application, and if I am found to be qualified and eligible under the applicable Illinois SCR; that I be placed on the Court's list of Child Representative/Guardian Ad Litem.

Dated \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

**Verification by Certification**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the foregoing Application for  
Name of Applicant  
Child Representative/Guardian Ad Litem and have knowledge of the contents thereof, including the Exhibits attached thereto, and under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct.

Dated \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

**CONSENT FOR BACKGROUND CHECK**

The Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court has my consent to conduct a criminal record check as a requirement of my Application for Child Representative/Guardian Ad Litem.

Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name (If Applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION OF CLAIMS**

WHEREAS, the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit has agreed to accept individuals as members of the Family Division Child Representative/Guardian Ad Litem List for the purposes of providing legal services in custody, allocation of parental responsibilities, visitation and parenting time cases referred from the Family Division;

WHEREAS, I have been accepted by the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit as a member of the Family Division Child Representative/Guardian Ad Litem List;

WHEREAS, I, as a Family Division Child Representative/Guardian Ad Litem List member, am required to participate in assignments as directed by the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit;

NOW THEREFORE, I, hereby, in consideration of my acceptance by the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit as a Member of the Family Division Child Representative/Guardian Ad Litem List, do release and waive any and all claims or demands of any nature whatsoever, which I have now or may in the future acquire, against the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court together with the officers, agents and employees of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, resulting from my service as a Member of the Family Division Child Representative/Guardian Ad Litem List.

I further covenant and agree, in consideration of my placement and acceptance as a Member of the Family Division Child Representative/Guardian Ad Litem List, to indemnify and hold harmless said Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court, their officers, Agency and employees from any liability, which may be incurred by them, or any of them, proximately resulting from and acts by me during such Family Division Child Representative/Guardian Ad Litem List assignments.

I further represent that I understand all risks involved and agree that this waiver, release and indemnification of claims shall be binding upon my heirs, executors and administrators.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_