

**APPLICATION
ATTORNEY AD LITEM APPOINTMENTS**

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| Attorney name | | Office phone |
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| Texas bar card number | Office address | Cell phone# |

Chapter 107 of the Texas Family Code requires a court to appoint a lawyer to represent each child who is the subject of a petition in abuse and neglect proceedings brought by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS).

The attorney named above asks the Judge of the 313th District Court to place him/ her on the list of attorneys approved for appointment as an attorney ad litem to represent children and adults in such suits.

I certify that I currently meet all of the requirements for a guardian ad litem or a guardian /attorney (dual role) ad litem:

- I am a member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas;
- I have exhibited proficiency and commitment to providing quality representation to my clients;
- I have received initial training and participate in annual continuing legal education that is specific to child welfare law;
- I am familiar with all relevant federal and state laws; and
- I am familiar with applicable local rules.

Understanding that I must comply with certain requirements to remain on the approved ad litem list, I affirm that that I will

(1) provide the Court with a completed "Attorney Affidavit Continuing Legal Education

Verification Report" form that I have, within the preceding calendar year, have taken a minimum of 18 hours of continuing legal education (CLE) in matters pertaining to the Texas Family Code¹ ;

- (2) maintain a manageable caseload that consists of fewer than 50 indigent parents and fewer than 100 children in child custody and termination cases filed by TDFPS;
- (3) immediately notify the Court if my caseload becomes unmanageable or exceeds more than 50 indigent parents 100 children in child custody and termination cases filed by IDFPS; and
- (4) on or before each hearing, file statements with the Court as required by Chapter 107 of Family Code.

I certify that all of the information I have provided in this document is true and correct.

Date signed: _____ Applicant's signature: _____

¹ At least 12 of the 18 hours of the CLE must be directly related to attorney ad litem appointments and duties or related to proceedings brought by TDFPS.