

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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Petitioner, )  
 )  
and ) NO. \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent, )

ORDER APPOINTING LIMITED GUARDIAN AD LITEM

The Court FINDS as follows:

1. The parties have represented to the Court that allocation of parental responsibilities (decision-making) of a minor child or children is in dispute, and the parties have attempted mediation and have been unsuccessful or for good cause shown both parties have requested a waiver of mediation; and
2. The Court finds that it is in the best interests of the minor child or children and would be highly beneficial to the Court that a limited guardian ad litem be appointed to investigate the parties, interview the minor child or children, if appropriate, meet with the parties and their attorneys, and, if requested by the Court, report to the Court their recommendations as to allocation of significant decision making responsibilities and allocation of parenting time. If the GAL determines the investigation will take substantially more than 5-10 hours to complete, an additional fee may be required.

WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED AND DECREED as follows:

- A. \_\_\_\_\_, whose phone number is \_\_\_\_\_, is appointed as the limited guardian ad litem in this cause pursuant to 750 ILCS 5/506(a)(2).
- B. Both parties are ordered to pay \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each directly to the offices of the guardian ad litem within seventy-two (72) hours of the entry of this Order, or by close of business on \_\_\_\_\_;
- C. Both parties are directed within seventy-two (72) hours to notify the guardian ad litem of this appointment and provide directly to the guardian ad litem any relevant pleadings and other documentation requested by the LGAL to assist the investigation. Copies of any documents transmitted to the limited guardian ad litem shall be sent by the party’s attorney, if any, and shall also be sent contemporaneously to the other party’s attorney or party;
- D. Both parties are advised that all meetings and conversations with the guardian ad litem are not confidential and that the guardian ad litem may be called as a witness voluntarily or by subpoena at any allocation trial;
- E. The parties are further advised that if the guardian ad litem is called as a witness, either voluntarily or by subpoena at any custody trial, the party calling the guardian ad litem shall be assessed the guardian ad litem’s reasonable attorney’s fees at their customary rate for any necessary preparation and testimony;
- F. The guardian ad litem’s appointment will be vacated after they have completed their investigation and have met with the parties to discuss their recommendations. If ordered by the Court, the guardian ad litem will submit a short report to the Court detailing their allocation recommendations and the reasons for their recommendations upon payment of an additional fee of \$250.00 per party; and
- G. This matter is set for status review on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ in Courtroom \_\_\_\_\_.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge