

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR MIAMI DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF:

CASE NO:

,

FAMILY DIVISION: 12

Petitioner,

and

,

Respondent.

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ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM

This cause having come before this Honorable Court on _____, and the Court having reviewed the Motion and the file and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, hereby ORDERS AND ADJUDGES as follows:

Pursuant to Florida Statutes, the Court finds the appointment of a Guardian ad Litem is desirable. It is, therefore, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that:

_____(Name of GAL)_____ is hereby appointed to act as Guardian Ad Litem for minor child(ren):

_____(child)_____

_____(child)_____

_____(child)_____

1. That upon presentation of this Order to any agency, hospital, organization, school, person of office, including the Clerk of the Court, The Department of Rehabilitative Services, human services and/or child caring agency, public and private health facilities, medical and mental health professionals, including doctor, nurses, pediatricians, psychologists, psychiatrists, counselors and staff, and law enforcement agencies, the individual designated by this order is hereby authorized to inspect and copy any records relating to the above-named children without the consent of said child or the parents of said children.
2. The Guardian ad Litem is hereby instructed to focus on all issues regarding the minor children including, time-sharing, psychological evaluations and other evaluations of the children and issues involving allegations of parental alienation.

3. The Guardian ad Litem shall maintain any information received from any such source as confidential and will not disclose the same except in reports to the Court and other parties to this cause.
4. The Guardian ad Litem shall provide a written report to the Court, which may include recommendations, and which may include a statement of the wishes of the minor children.
5. The Guardian ad Litem shall appear at all hearings or proceedings scheduled in this cause and assure proper representation of the children at said hearings.
6. The Guardian ad Litem shall be notified of any hearings, investigations, depositions or other proceedings concerning the children and shall be notified prior to any action being taken on behalf of the children by any party.
7. The Guardian ad Litem shall be provided with copies of all pleadings and other documents filed herein from the date of this Order.
8. The Guardian ad Litem assigned to this cause shall be a party to any agreement or plan entered into on behalf of the children.
9. Each party should equally pay the Guardian ad Litem fee, and each shall equally pay the Guardian's retainer, without prejudice and shall advance the retainer requested by the Guardian ad Litem; or The parties shall advance the fees of the Guardian ad Litem with the Mother being responsible for _____% and the Father being responsible for _____%.
10. The Guardian ad Litem's hourly rate of \$_____per hour is a reasonable rate.
11. The Guardian ad Litem may request a status conference to bring a matter which the Guardian ad Litem needs to bring to the Court's attention without the need to hire counsel to request said status.
12. The Guardian ad Litem may raise issues regarding his/her fees without having to hire counsel by filing a Motion with the Court and providing notice to the parties. Additionally, should the Guardian ad Litem need the services of counsel during the pendency of this cause, the Guardian ad Litem may submit an ex-parte Order on the appointment of counsel and the counsel's fees shall be paid pursuant to the same percentage as the Guardian ad Litem fee without prejudice.
13. The Court reserves jurisdiction over the parties in this subject matter and the Court retains jurisdiction to assess fees in the future.

Done and Ordered this _____ day of _____ of 20____

Laura Shearon Cruz
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE