

# The Faces of the Office of Guardian ad Litem





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- CASA Program
- Private Guardian ad Litem Program
- Conflict Guardians ad Litem



## GAL Attorneys

- 41 attorneys in all 8 judicial districts



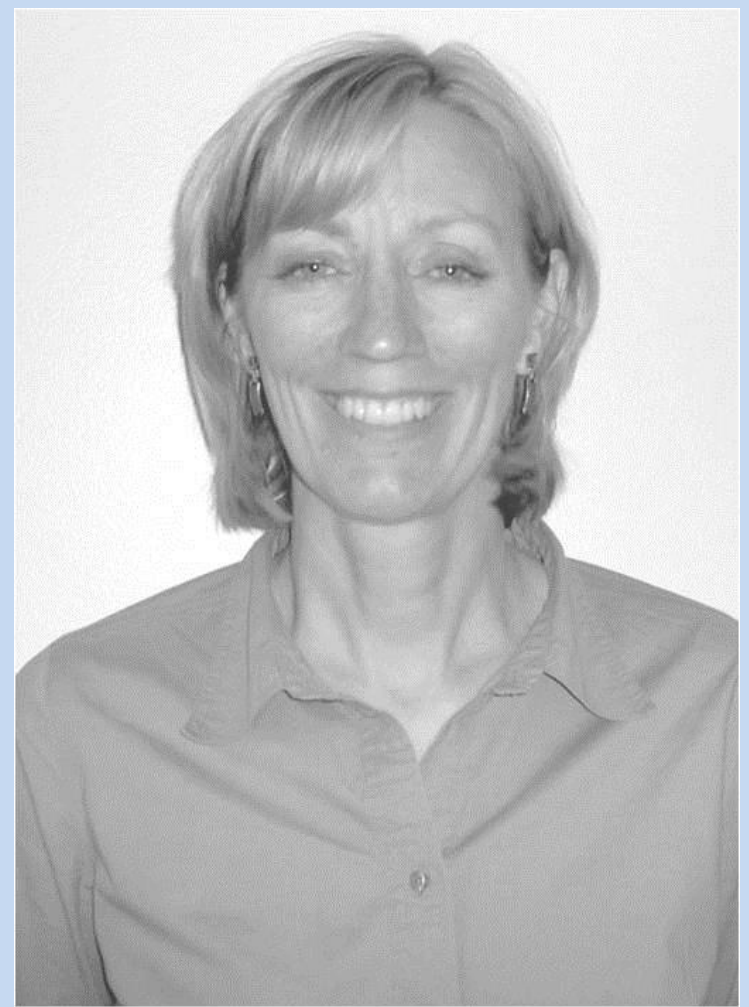


## Juvenile Court

- Child welfare and delinquency, child protective orders and private petitions

## District Court

- Protective orders and limited district court proceedings





## In FY 14, the Office

- Represented 11,463 children
- Met with these children 31,013 times
- Participated in 4,128 Family team meetings





- **Attended 18,431 hearings**
- **Attended 909 mediations**
- **Participated in 116 appeals**



## Our statutory duties include:

- Attending court hearings and participating in appeals
- Participating in family team meetings



- Personally meeting and interviewing the child
- Determining the minor's goals and concerns
- Assessing the appropriateness of the placement







- **Monitoring the implementation of the plan**



## Investigators

- 1<sup>st</sup> , 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> District
- Primarily assist with protective orders and private petitions





## Amazing Staff

- Support our office





## CASA Program FY 14

- **770** volunteers
- **Served 1,422** children
- **And donated 34,588** hours





## CASA's

- Gather information
- Attend court
- Visit with child and explain what is happening
- Recommend services
- Monitor plans and court orders
- Keep GAL informed



## Priorities

### Education -

- **CASA's as educational advocates**



## Permanency for older youth

- Internal reviews
- Finding and establishing connections





## **Reducing Caseloads**

**In FY 14, average of  
142 kids per attorney**





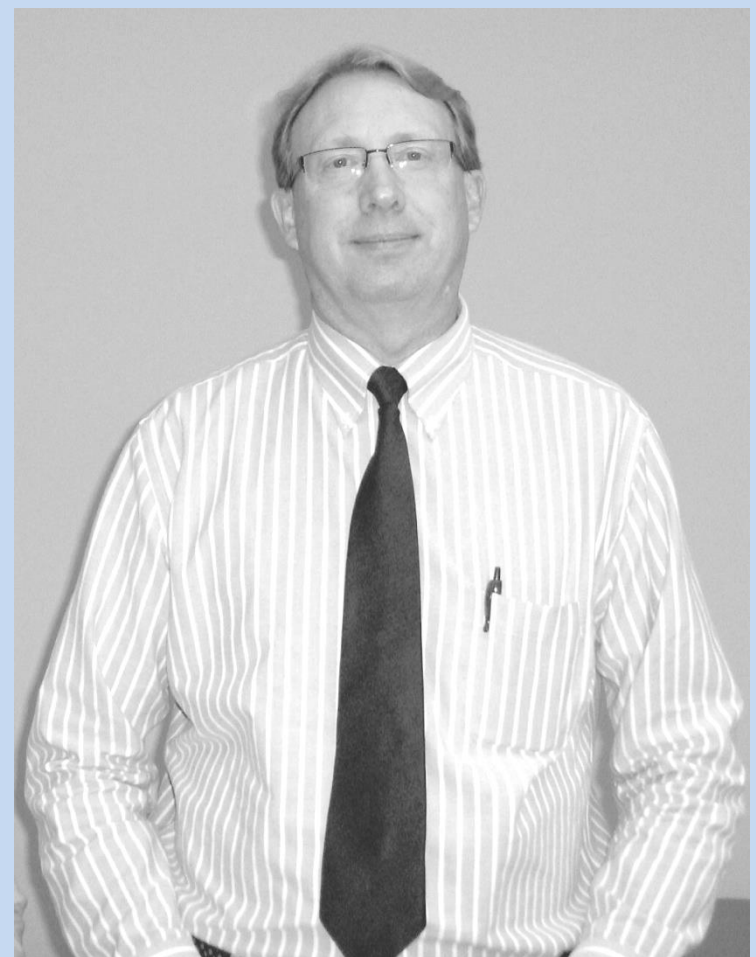
## Accountability in our advocacy





## Private Guardian ad Litem

- Only in district court divorce cases
- 127 total attorneys





**Conflict Guardians ad Litem**



**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**