

Rule 4-906. Guardian ad litem program.

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(8) Private guardians ad litem.

(8)(A) The Director shall maintain a list of guardians ad litem qualified for appointment. The Director shall provide the list to district court judges upon request.

(8)(B) To be included on the list a guardian ad litem shall:

(8)(B)(i) apply for inclusion;

(8)(B)(ii) be a member in good standing with the Utah State Bar;

(8)(B)(iii) file permission and fingerprints for screening by the FBI and BCI;

(8)(B)(iv) be screened against the DCFS Child Abuse Data Base and the like data base of any state in which the appointee has resided;

(8)(B)(v) complete initial and continuing training requirements established by the Director;

(8)(B)(vi) file a monthly report on assigned cases in a format approved by the Director;

(8)(B)(vii) be evaluated at the discretion of the Director for competent performance and minimum qualifications.

(8)(C) Upon the appointment by the court of a guardian ad litem, the court shall:

(8)(C)(i) use the following language in its order: "The Court appoints a private attorney guardian ad litem to be assigned by the Office of Guardian ad Litem, to represent the best interests of the minor child(ren) in this matter."; and

(8)(C)(ii) send the order to the Director c/o the Private Attorney Guardian ad Litem Program.

(8)(D) Upon receipt of the court's order appointing a guardian ad litem, the Director shall contact and assign the case to an eligible attorney.

(8)(E) Upon accepting the court's appointment, the assigned attorney shall file a notice of appearance with the court within five business days of acceptance, and shall thereafter represent the best interests of the minor(s) until released by the court.

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