

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM PANEL

FOR THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED

APPLICATION OF _____

1. Date admitted to practice law in the State of Louisiana: ____ / ____ / ____

Date admitted to practice in the United States District Court
for the Eastern District of Louisiana: ____ / ____ / ____

Date admitted to practice in other jurisdictions:

Name of Court	Location	Date Admitted
		____ / ____ / ____
		____ / ____ / ____
		____ / ____ / ____
		____ / ____ / ____
		____ / ____ / ____

2. I have been engaged in the active practice of criminal law since ____ / ____ / ____, and am an active member of the Louisiana State Bar.

3. Have you ever been disciplined by the bar of any state or by any court?
_____. If yes, explain on an attached sheet.

4. During the five years preceding this application, have you been arrested, summoned, charged or convicted of any criminal offense (excluding minor traffic violations)? _____.
If yes, explain on an attached sheet.

5. Have you ever been the subject of an investigation regarding child welfare, safety, abuse, or exploitation? _____.
If yes, explain on an attached sheet.

6. List what percentage of your practice is devoted to criminal _____ or civil _____ law.

7. On an attached sheet briefly summarize your courtroom experience in the last five years, giving particular emphasis to criminal proceedings. Include the following:

- a.) Jurisdiction(s), including federal or state
- b.) Type of proceeding(s)
- c.) Nature of the offense(s)

8. Do you have any experience representing minors? _____. If yes, provide detailed explanation on an attached sheet.
9. Do you have any experience with a foreign language? _____.
If so, level of proficiency: _____ Conversational _____ Fluent _____ Other
10. Have you ever been employed as a prosecutor, public defender, or law clerk to a judge or justice? _____. Name of office or judge and dates of employment:

11. Have you completed the required six (6) hours of training or education relevant to social service programs, child abuse issues, and/or the representation of children in need of care? _____.
- Examples of relevant continuing education programs are described in LASC Rule XXXIII, Part III, Subpart I, Section 3, and may be found on the websites of the Childrens Law Advocacy Resources Online (CLARO), www.clarola.org, and the Louisiana Supreme Court's Children and Families Division, www.lasc.org/childrenfamilies.
- If yes, attach documentation detailing the amount, date, type completed.
12. Do you understand you are required to complete an additional three (3) hours of relevant education during each successive year to remain a member of the Guardian Ad Litem panel? _____. If yes, please note you must submit proof to the Clerk of Court that you satisfied the annual training requirement on or before January 31 of the year in which you wish to remain eligible to serve as a Guardian Ad Litem.
13. Do you have any other training or experience that would qualify you for membership in the panel?

14. Have you read, and do you understand, Title 18, United States Code, Section 3509, which codifies the rights of child victims and child witnesses in federal criminal matters, including subsection 3509(h), which addresses the duties and responsibilities of guardians ad litem? _____.
15. Professional references: (List at least two individuals familiar with applicant's professional competence. Your references may, but need not be, attorneys or judges.)

I hereby authorize all educational institutions, government agencies and instrumentalities (including bar associations and bar examiners of other jurisdictions), employers and business and professional associates (past and present), to release to the Guardian Ad Litem Subcommittee of the Criminal Law Committee of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, any non-privileged information, files or records requested by them for the purpose of processing this application.

I further state that I have reviewed and agree to comply with the General Order Regarding Appointment and Compensation of Guardians Ad Litem and the documents referenced therein.

I further state that I have carefully read the foregoing application and certify that the information herein is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I fully understand that failure to make a truthful disclosure of any fact or item of information required may result in the denial of my application, and such other action as the court deems appropriate.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

Name: (*Last, First, Middle Initial*)

Firm: (*If Applicable*)

Address: (*Street, City, State, Zip*)

Phone Number:

Fax Number:

Cell Phone Number:

Bar Roll Number:

E-Mail Address:

Social Security Number:

Tax ID Number: (*If Applicable*)

Submit completed application for processing via email to:

Guardian_Ad_Litem@laed.uscourts.gov