

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF _____

_____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE CONSERVATORSHIP OF

_____, A MINOR CHILD.

Case No. _____

ORDER FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM (Child Under 18 Years Old)

****You MUST have the consent of the attorney you want appointed as the Guardian ad Litem BEFORE you complete and file this document.***

Petition for Appointment is for a ☐ Full ☐ Limited Conservatorship for a Child Under Eighteen (18) Years Old.

Date petition was filed:

Name of Judge or Judicial Referee:

Courthouse/Zoom in which to appear:

Date of Hearing:

Time of Hearing:

Name of attorney appointed as Guardian ad Litem*:

Guardian ad Litem's address:

Telephone No:

Email address:

1. The Petition for Appointment of a Conservator/Co-Conservators for a Minor Child because the child is not yet eighteen (18) years old was filed as indicated above. The petition will be heard by the above indicated judge or judicial referee on the date, time and location listed above.

2. The attorney listed above is appointed to act as Guardian ad Litem for the minor child.

3. The Guardian ad Litem shall perform all the duties required under Section 30.1-29-07(1) of the North Dakota Century Code (N.D.C.C.), including:

a. Meeting, interviewing, and consulting with the minor child regarding the conservatorship proceeding, including explaining the purpose for the interview in the language, mode of communication, and terms the minor child is most likely to understand, the nature and possible consequences of the proceeding, the rights to which the minor child is entitled, and the legal options available, including the right to retain an attorney to represent the minor child;

b. Advocating for the best interests of the minor child. The appointed attorney serving as Guardian ad Litem may not represent the minor child in a legal capacity;

c. Ascertaining the views of the minor child concerning the proposed conservator/co-conservators, the powers and duties of the proposed conservator/co-conservators, the proposed conservatorship, and the scope and duration of the conservatorship;

d. Interviewing the person(s) seeking appointment as conservator/co-conservators;

f. Obtaining any other relevant information;

g. Submitting a written report to the court containing the guardian ad litem's response to the petition; and

h. Attending the hearing unless excused by the court for good cause.

4. The Guardian ad Litem shall have access to educational, legal, financial, or other treatment information necessary to perform the Guardian ad Litem's official duties.

5. **AT LEAST _____ DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING, THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM SHALL
SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT CONTAINING THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM'S RESPONSE TO THE
PETITION AND AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ABILITY OF THE MINOR CHILD TO ATTEND THE
HEARING EITHER IN PERSON OR BY REMOTE MEANS.**

6. The court will determine who will be responsible for the costs of the Guardian ad
Litem's services.

BY THE COURT:

Judge/Judicial Referee of the District Court