

## Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_, ND, zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Space is limited to 30 attendees**

Fee: \$75.00

**(Payable to State of North Dakota)**

**Registrations are due by May 20, 2022.**

**Send this form and registration fee to:**

**Marilyn Moe**

**North Dakota Supreme Court**

**600 E Blvd Ave.**

**Bismarck, ND 58505**

**701-328-2198**

## Information

### **What is the role of a parenting investigator?**

When parents are not able to resolve disputes about parenting time or rights and responsibilities, the dispute may go to trial for a judge to decide. Prior to the trial, the court may require the family to participate in a parenting investigation. A parenting investigator is then assigned who will gather information about the family to assist the judge in making the best decision about the child(ren).

### **What is the role of a guardian ad litem?**

In any action for an annulment, divorce, legal separation, or other action affecting marriage, when either party has reason for special concern as to the future of the minor child(ren), and in any action when the parenting rights and responsibilities concerning the child is contested, either party to the action may petition the court for the appointment of a guardian ad litem to represent the child concerning parenting rights and responsibilities. A guardian ad litem shall serve as an advocate of the child's best interests. A guardian ad litem must be a licensed attorney.

## **Parenting Investigator & Guardian ad litem 18-Hour Certification Training**



Sponsored  
by  
North Dakota  
Court System

Spring 2022  
County Investigator  
Training

**June 8-10, 2022**

**Coteau Room  
First Floor  
State Capitol  
Bismarck, ND**

## Workshop Agenda

June 8, 2022

8:00 - 8:30     Registration  
8:30 - 12:00    Session I  
12:00 - 1:00    Lunch (on your own)  
1:00 - 5:30     Session II

June 9, 2022

8:30 - 12:00    Session III  
12:00 - 1:00    Lunch (on your own)  
1:00 - 5:30     Session IV

June 10, 2022

9:00 - 12:00    Session V

## Information

This 18-hour orientation will provide interactive projects and group discussions. The training will be facilitated by a practicing parenting investigator and guardian ad litem.

Sessions will focus on understanding the role of the parenting investigator and guardian ad litem, gathering information, interviewing, applying the best interest factors, writing a parenting investigator report, and testifying in the court room.

**To receive certification, attendees must attend all the sessions. It will not be recorded.**

This course qualifies for the 18-hour orientation training required by Rules 8.6 and 8.7, of the North Dakota Rules of Court. To receive certification of completion of the training, you must physically attend all classes. **This training is not intended for continuing education.**

For more information, contact:  
Marilyn Moe  
State Court Administrator's Office,  
701-328-2198  
[mmoe@ndcourts.gov](mailto:mmoe@ndcourts.gov).

## Faculty

**Alisha Ankers** has been a sole practitioner in Fargo, North Dakota, since 1998. Her main area of practice is family law, including custody matters, child support, divorce, paternal rights, custody investigations and guardian ad litem work. She has experience in juvenile court and complex family law matters. Ms. Ankers is a member of the Cass County Bar, Clay County Bar, State Bar Association of North Dakota and Minnesota State Bar Association. She was named a Great Plains Super Lawyer in 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014. In 2015 she became certified as a Family Law Specialist by the National Board of Attorneys. Ms. Ankers earned her B.A. degree from Hamline University (1989) and her J.D. degree from the University of North Dakota School of Law (1992).

**Barbara Oliger** graduated from Moorhead State University with a Psychology and Criminal Justice Degree along with a Social Work Degree from the University of Mary. Ms. Oliger has worked for the Police Youth Bureau, St. Alexius Psychiatric Unity, and PATH. Ms. Oliger developed a Pretreatment Program for adolescents with addiction issues. She is currently a Lay Guardian ad Litem, Parenting Investigator, Court Visitor, and Pre-Sentence Investigator for Parole and Probation. She has been a parenting investigator for eighteen years. Barb resides in Bismarck, North Dakota.