

Registration

Name _____

Address _____

City _____, ND, zip _____

Telephone: _____

Parenting Investigator

Guardian ad litem

Fee:

\$100.00 (Payable to State of North Dakota)

Registrations are due by June 4, 2010.

Send this form and registration fee to:

Marilyn Moe

North Dakota Supreme Court

600 E Blvd Ave.

Bismarck, ND 58505

For Hotel Accommodations contact:

**Best Western Ramkota Hotel
701-258-7700**

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, which provides 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



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June 24-26, 2010

**Best Western
Ramkota Hotel
800 S 3rd St.
Bismarck, ND**

Workshop Agenda

June 24, 2010

8:00 - 8:30 Registration

8:30 - 12:00 Session I

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch (provided)

1:00 - 5:30 Session II

June 25, 2010

8:30 - 12:00 Session III

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch (on your own)

1:00 - 5:30 Session IV

June 26, 2010

9:00 - 12:00 Session V

Information

This 18-hour orientation will provide interactive projects and group discussions. The training will be facilitated by practicing parenting investigators 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.

18-Hour Certification

This course will qualify 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.

All applicants for the Parenting Investigator Roster will be required to complete a background check.

Contact Marilyn Moe, State Court Administrator's Office, for an application and background check information. 701-328-2198 or email at mmoe@ndcourts.gov.

