



Guardian ad Litem Annual Compliance Statement

Guardian ad Litem: _____ Date: _____

I attended New Guardian ad Litem Training on _____

I began accepting Guardian ad Litem appointments in the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court on

_____.

During the last calendar year, I completed the following Advanced Training or Continuing Education programs for Guardians ad Litem:

<u>Date</u>	<u>City, State</u>	<u>Program Title/Contents</u>	<u>Credit Hours Completed</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Check one:

_____ I know of nothing that would disqualify me to serve as Guardian ad Litem.

_____ The following might disqualify me to serve as Guardian ad Litem:

Please answer the following questions completely. Please attach information on additional sheets if necessary.

Within the past year, have you been removed from any court's assigned counsel or guardian ad litem appointment list? _____ If yes, please state the reason for your removal: _____

Please state what action you have taken to correct the situation that caused your removal. _____

Within the past year, have you been disciplined or suspended from the practice of law in Ohio or in any other state or the District of Columbia? _____ If yes, state the reason for the discipline or suspension and the dates of such action. _____

Are you currently in good standing with the Supreme Court of Ohio? _____ If not, please explain.

Within the past year, have you been convicted of any felonies or misdemeanors? _____ If so, please identify the case numbers for each case and explain the charges. _____

Within the past year, have you been arrested, indicted, or charged with any offense in any action that involved an abused, neglected, or dependent child, a violation of ORC 2919.25, or any sexually oriented offense? _____ If yes, please identify the case numbers for each case and explain the charges.

Within the past year, have you ever been named as a respondent in an action for a civil protection order or charged with domestic violence in any court? _____ If so, please identify the case numbers for each action or charge. _____

Within the past year, has any referral been made to any children's services agency alleging that you abused or neglected a child? _____ If so, please identify the allegations made in each referral and whether the allegations were substantiated, unsubstantiated, indicated, and state any other findings made.

Within the past year, other than as a GAL, are you presently or have you been a party in a civil law suit? _____ If so, please provide the case number(s) and a summary of the action(s). _____

I, the undersigned Guardian ad Litem, certify that the information provided on this Annual Compliance Statement is complete and true. By typing my signature below, I am electronically signing this Compliance Statement. I understand that any misrepresentations made on this Compliance Statement may result in removal from the Guardian ad Litem Appointment List.

GAL Signature

Date

CHILD AND FAMILY ADVOCATES OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY BACKGROUND CHECK AUTHORIZATION FORM

A criminal and civil background check is required for Guardians ad Litem and Court Appointed Special Advocate volunteers in Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court. This check into official public records will determine the existence or non-existence of any record of criminal convictions and civil actions.

Child and Family Advocates of Cuyahoga County maintains the right to conduct a national criminal and civil background check on any Cuyahoga County court Guardian ad Litem or Court Appointed Special Advocate applicant through a third party agency, Open Online LLC. None of the information provided on this form will be used to discriminate against any applicant on the basis of race, color, marital status, religion, sex, national origin, age (over 21), disability or genetics.

By signing this form, the applicant authorizes Child and Family Advocates of Cuyahoga County and/or its designated third party to conduct a criminal and civil background check. In addition, the applicant acknowledges that any false or misleading statement, omission or failure to disclose information may disqualify the applicant from serving as a Guardian ad Litem or Court Appointed Special Advocate in the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court.

Any applicant convicted of or having charges pending for a felony or misdemeanor involving a sex offense, child abuse or neglect or related acts that would pose risks to children or to the Child and Family Advocates of Cuyahoga County program's credibility is not eligible to be a CASA or GAL.

By signing this form, the applicant acknowledges that if for any reason it becomes apparent that the applicant's activities are contrary to the policies, goals and/or philosophy of Child and Family Advocates of Cuyahoga County and its ability to provide quality services to abused and neglected children, the applicant's services as a CASA or GAL may be terminated.

The applicant certifies that the statements on this application are true, complete and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge. The applicant understands that falsification on this application can disqualify the applicant from consideration or can result in dismissal at a later time.

Background Check Verification Information

Full Name: _____	Maiden Name: _____
Other Names _____	Other Names _____
Date of Birth: _____	Social Security #: _____
Current Address: _____	Street: _____
City: _____	State: _____
Zip: _____	
Previous Address: _____	Street: _____
City: _____	State: _____
Zip: _____	
GAL or CASA Signature: _____	
Date: _____	

License/ID #: _____	Verified by: _____
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