



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
DIVISION OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS

**ANNUAL GUARDIAN AD LITEM COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

Guardian ad Litem Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Education & Training**

During the last year, I completed the following education programs to satisfy the annual 6-hour continuing education requirement under Sup.R. 48.05.

Date	Program Title/Contents	Location	# Hrs Completed

Please list any specialized training, education, or experience you have received that may be helpful when serving as a guardian ad litem: \_\_\_\_\_

**Disqualification & Removal as a GAL**

Check one:

I know of nothing that would disqualify me to serve as a guardian ad litem.

The following may disqualify me to serve as a guardian ad litem: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Within the past year, have you been removed from any court's guardian ad litem list or court-appointed counsel list if applicable?      Yes      No      If yes, please state the reason for your removal.

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

**For Attorneys Only**

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?      Yes              No    If yes, please state the reason for the discipline or suspension and the dates of such action.

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Are you currently in good standing with the Supreme Court of Ohio?      Yes              No

If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Background Information**

Within the past year, have you been convicted of any felonies or misdemeanors?      Yes              No

If yes, please identify the case numbers for each case and explain these charges on a separate attachment.

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 R.C. 2919.25; or any sexually oriented offense?

Yes              No    If yes, please identify the case numbers for each case and explain these charges on a separate attachment.

Within the past year, have you been named as a respondent in an action for a civil protection order or charged with domestic violence in any court?      Yes              No    If yes, please identify the case numbers for each case and explain these charges on a separate attachment.

Within the past year, has a referral been made to any children’s services agency alleging that you abused or neglected a child?      Yes              No    If yes, please identify the allegations made in each referral and whether the allegations were substantiated, unsubstantiated, or indicated, and state any other findings made on a separate attachment.

Within the past year, other than as a guardian ad litem, are you presently, or have you been a party in a civil lawsuit in the past 5 years?      Yes              No    If yes, please identify the court in which you were a party, the case numbers for each case, and a summary of the actions on a separate attachment.

**Certification**

I certify that I maintain professional liability insurance in the amounts of at least \$100,000.00 per occurrence and \$300,000.00 in the aggregate. I attach a copy of my certificate as proof of coverage.

I certify that all of the above information is accurate and am unaware of any circumstances that would disqualify me from serving as a guardian ad litem in The Cuyahoga Domestic Relations Court.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ANNUAL COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST (FOR COURT USE ONLY)**

- Completed and signed Annual Compliance Statement**
- Attached transcripts and/or certificates for continuing education credits**
- Attached proof of liability insurance**