

279TH DISTRICT COURT
ATTORNEY AD LITEM AND GUARDIAN AD LITEM LIST
SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

The attorneys registered and qualified to serve as attorneys ad litem and guardians ad litem in the 279th District Court are as follows:

Langston Adams
Melanie Airey
Ashley Cedillo
Glen Crocker
Malachi Daws
Dane A. Dennison
William Ford Dishman
Phillip Dowden
J. Scott Frederick
Gordon Friesz
Andrew P. Gertz
Paul Gertz
David Grove
Terrance Holmes
Mark Mainwaring
Kim Phelan
Anita Provo
Nathan Reynolds
Charlie Rojas
Sean Samuel
Tara Shelander
Jolei Shipley
Tonya Toups
Brent Turk
Joel Vasquez
Mike Walzel
John West
Dean Brinkley

A rotation system will be used to appoint attorneys ad litem and guardians ad litem beginning at the top of the list.

In all child welfare cases, a CASA will be appointed as the guardian ad litem for the child or children.

In all child welfare cases, attorneys seeking appointments as attorneys ad litem must complete at least three hours of continuing legal education relating to the representation of children each year as required by Texas Family Code §107.004.

The four-hour certification course for attorneys who want to serve as guardians ad litem in the probate courts cannot be substituted for the training required by Texas Family Code §107.004.

In a complex matter, the court may depart from the list to appoint a person as an attorney ad litem or guardian ad litem due the person's relevant specialized education, training, certification, skill, language proficiency or knowledge of subject matter.

By agreement, attorneys may choose any qualified person to serve as an attorney ad litem or guardian ad litem with the approval of the court.

Any qualified attorney may register with the court and have the attorney's name added to the list.

The list shall be posted at the courthouse and on the 279th District Court's website.

The list was created pursuant to Chapter 37 of the Texas Government Code.