

**STANDING ORDER REGARDING AD LITEMS
IN CASES FILED IN THE 58TH, 60TH, 136TH
AND 172ND CIVIL COURTS**

In any civil cause involving the appointment of a guardian ad litem pursuant to Tex. R. Civ. P. 173 (adverse interest in the division of settlement proceeds), when an offer has been made to settle the claim of a party represented by a next friend or guardian, the appointed ad litem *shall* be required to draft and file a written report advising the court as to whether the settlement is in the party's best interest. The ad litem report must be on file with the court in order to receive a hearing date on the court's docket for the minor settlement hearing. After a hearing date has been set, a guardian ad litem is not precluded from subsequently amending or supplementing the written report if necessary in order to make a complete and comprehensive report to the court. The repeated failure to comply with this rule by an appointed ad litem shall result in sanctions. This local rule does not apply when the appointment of a guardian ad litem has occurred pursuant to any other statute, including the Family Code, the Estates Code, or pursuant to any other rule, including the Parental Notification Rules.

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HON. KENT WALSTON
58th District Court



HON. MITCH TEMPLETON
172nd District Court



HON. JUSTIN SANDERSON
60th District Court



HON. BAYLOR WORTHAM
136th District Court