

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

Plaintiff

vs

CASE NO. _____

Defendant

GAL AT REDUCED RATE AND SCOPE OF APPOINTMENT ORDER

Cause comes on for entry of an Order supplementing the *Guardian Ad Litem* ("GAL") appointment Order No. CO.19 also entered this date; being fully advised in the premises, the Court HEREBY FINDS and IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The Court finds that the Plaintiff is indigent as defined in 735 ILCS 5/5-105(a)(2) and therefore Plaintiff's fees for the GAL are ____ % waived. Plaintiff shall pay ____% of the GAL fees and costs. This determination is subject to annual review or sooner as the Court may order upon a substantial change in Plaintiff's financial circumstances. The Clerk shall send a copy of the appointment Order No. CO.19 and this Order to the Will County Assistant Trial Court Administrator.
2. The Court finds that the Defendant is indigent as defined in 735 ILCS 5/5-105(a)(2) and therefore Defendant's fees for the GAL are ____ % waived. Defendant shall pay ____% of the GAL fees and costs. This determination is subject to annual review or sooner as the Court may order upon a substantial change in Defendant's financial circumstances.
3. _____ is appointed GAL on a reduced-rate basis of \$250/hour subject to available funds as allocated to the Will County Domestic Relations Division for the fiscal year 20____. No Retainer is ordered as fees will be paid periodically as set forth herein below.
4. Initial Scope of appointment: The GAL shall before the next court date review the pending pleadings, interview the parties, and interview/observe the child(ren) with/without the parties and provide an interim oral report to the Court on the next court date;

Other: _____

_____. Absent an emergency, no work performed outside the scope of appointment shall be reviewed and subject to change and a hearing held regarding approval of interim GAL fees.

5. The GAL shall on the ____ day of each month file in the court case detailed monthly billing statements for review and approval by the Court. Copies of the same shall be sent to all parties of record. The parties shall thereafter have five (5) days to file any objections to the billing. Time is of the essence regarding the submission of the billing statements and the filing of any objections to the same. Failure to submit billing statements timely or file written objections timely **shall** result in the forfeiture of the GAL's right to seek payment for each monthly billing cycle missed and waiver of any objections to reasonable and necessary fees respectively.

6. Hearing on the GAL's interim fees and review of scope of the investigation is set for _____, 20__ at _____ [Date to be set no later than two (2) weeks after the date of submission]. Upon entry of Order approving the reasonable fees and costs, the Clerk shall send a copy of the Order to the Will County Assistant Trial Court Administrator who will process the Order for payment.

Dated: _____

Enter: _____

JUDGE

ANDREA LYNN CHASTEEN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WILL COUNTY