

Guardian ad Litem Board
Public Minutes
October 21, 2016 at 1:00 pm
121 South Fruit Street, Concord NH 03301

A meeting of the Guardian ad Litem Board was held on October 21, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 1:25 by Chairperson Duncan. Also in Attendance were: Attorney Sarah Blodgett, Attorney Alan Cantor, Attorney Betsy Paine, David Robbins and David Villiotti. Not present were Representative David Welch, Honorable Henrietta Luneau and Senator David Pierce. Attending from the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification were Chris Horne and Attorney Robert Lamberti.

1. Unfinished Business-

a. Rules- vote to pass JLCARs approved rules

100-200- The only issue was with GAL 215.04 Conduct of Public Hearings related to media access. JLCAR would like GAL 215.05 to be amended with new language and 215.04 removed. The Board will have 120 days to add new language to the rule. David Villiotti made a motion to remove 215.04 and add new language as proposed by JLCAR. David Robbins seconded the motion. Attorney Lamberti will draft the initial proposal taking out 215.04.

Attorney Blodgett made a motion to adopt the 100-200 as given to us, subject to the above change. Attorney Paine seconded. All in favor, unanimous

300-500- Attorney Lamberti was able to address a few minor issues. GAL 303.01(h) be of Good Character was conditionally approved from JLCAR with addition of new language from the Oligny case.

Attorney Blodgett made a motion to adopt the 300-500 rules. Attorney Paine seconded. All in favor, unanimous

The Board went into Non-Meeting with legal counsel, Attorney Tom Broderick at 1:30

The Non-Meeting with legal counsel ended at 1:45

Attorney Lamberti leaves the meeting at 1:50

2. Reading and Approval of September 16, 2016 and September 29, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes-

a. September 16, 2016- Attorney Paine moved to approve the minutes as written, David Robbins seconded. All in favor, unanimous

b. September 29, 2016- David Robbins motioned to approve the minutes as written, Attorney Blodgett seconded. Abstaining was David Villiotti. All in favor, unanimous

3. Communications General- none

4. CEU Requests-

- a. Interdisciplinary Collaborative Divorce Training, 13.2 CEUs- Approved
- b. The Intersection of Divorce and Alternative Family Planning, 1.5 CEUs- Approved
- c. Educational Surrogate Parent Refresher Training, 2.5 CEUs- Approved
- d. Probate and Estate Administration for the General Practitioner, 2.2 CEUs- Approved
- e. Ethical Issues in Making Capacity Decisions, 1.5 CEUs- Approved
- f. The DOMA Decision Deciphered: What it Means to Your Client, 1.5 CEUs- Approved
- g. Building the Modern Family through Third Party Reproduction, 1.5 CEUs- Approved
- h. Grooming: Making You See and Believe What I Want You to See and Believe, 1 CEU- Approved

5. Board Updates-

- a. GAL stats- We will add courts where GALs are active in the future.
 - b. Geographic map- gave a map to the Board members to show where GALs are located in the state. The map indicates there are at least 3 in every county. Chairperson Duncan is waiting to hear back from Judge Kelly as to where the needs are in the state. Knowing where the needs are will help the Board when we are planning the training for new GALs.
- Discussed possibly advertising in Bar association for new GALs. David Robbins suggested to advertise the need for foreign language skills.

6. New Business- Attorney Blodgett is willing to serve as the Vice –Chair for the Board. David Robbins made a motion to accept her as the Vice-Chair, Alan Cantor seconded. All in favor, unanimous

7. Non-Public Session- Upon the motion of Attorney Paine and the second of Attorney Blodgett, the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing pending investigations and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II(j), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, 11 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board’s executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.

- a. Upon return to public session-vote to seal Non-Public minutes- David Robbins made a motion to seal the Non-Public Minutes, Attorney Paine Seconded. All in favor, unanimous

The Board breaks at 2:30

Chairperson Duncan leaves the meeting at 2:35

Attorney Lamberti returns to the meeting at 2:55

The Board meeting continues at 2:55

8. Rules- vote to approve final GAL rules

a. 100-200- Attorney Paine votes to approve the final rules, David Robbins seconded. All in favor, unanimous

b. 300-500- David Robbins votes to approve the final rules, Attorney Paine seconded. All in favor, unanimous.

9. Adjournment- Attorney Blodgett moved to adjourn the meeting, Attorney Paine seconded to adjourn at 3:15. All in favor, unanimous