

STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN SUPREME COURT
C0-95-1475

OFFICE OF
APPELLATE COURTS
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**ORDER ESTABLISHING ADVISORY
TASK FORCE ON THE GUARDIAN
AD LITEM SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Laws 1995 Chapter 226, Article 6, Section 16 directs the State Court Administrator to implement the 1995 report of the legislative auditor on guardians ad litem;

WHEREAS, the State Court Administrator has requested the appointment of an advisory committee to assist in the development of rules and guidelines;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The Minnesota Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the Guardian Ad Litem System be, and hereby is, established to develop rules and guidelines to deal with the following:
 1. guardian ad litem selection, training, evaluation and removal;
 2. distinguishing the roles of guardians ad litem and custody investigators;
 3. developing procedures for guardians ad litem to work with parents who have an order for protection;
 4. requiring judges to write more detailed appointment orders defining their expectations of the guardian ad litem role;
 5. ascertaining and communicating to the court the wishes of the child regarding matters before the court;
 6. developing standards for conduct between the guardian ad litem and the child, specifying when limited or no contact with the child may be appropriate;
 7. developing a procedure for bringing complaints against a guardian ad litem;
 8. specifying selection criteria, responsibilities and necessary training for a guardian ad litem program coordinator;
 9. educating parents, judges, attorneys and other professionals about the purpose and role of guardians ad litem; and
 10. such other areas of the guardian ad litem system as deemed appropriate by the

advisory committee.

2. The following persons be, and hereby are appointed as members of the Minnesota Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the Guardian Ad Litem System:

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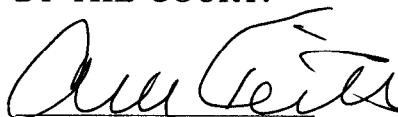
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3. The Honorable Stephen D. Swanson be, and hereby is designated as chairperson and shall convene the first meeting of the committee.
4. The Minnesota Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the Guardian Ad Litem System shall submit a written report to this Court by January 15, 1996.

DATED: July 26, 1995

BY THE COURT:


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