

**31st Judicial Circuit
Family Court
Greene County, MO
Domestic Relations & Juvenile Division**

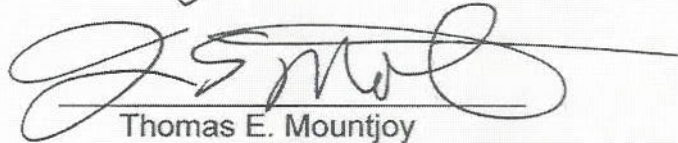
PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM STANDARDS

In recognizing that Missouri children have the right to adequate and effective representation in child welfare cases, the Family Court of Greene County adopts the following plan for implementation of the guardian ad litem standards.

1. The 31st Judicial Circuit, (Greene County, MO) shall disseminate the Standards on its court website and keep a copy available for reference in the circuit clerks' office. Each division of the Family Court shall maintain a copy of the Standards for reference as needed.
2. The 31st Judicial Circuit will maintain two separate lists of guardian ad litem. The first contains the list of attorneys who have elected to practice in Juvenile Division proceedings governed by chapters 210, 211, and 453, RSMo. The second contains the list of attorneys who have elected to practice in the Domestic Relations Division of the Family Court.
3. The list of approved guardian ad litem shall be maintained for the Juvenile Division of the Family Court by the secretary to the Judge of the Juvenile Division (Court) and for the Domestic Relations Division of the Family Court by the clerk in Division 2 of the Family Court.
4. Guardian ad litem Training may be provided by any qualified entity in accordance with guardian ad litem standards.
5. On or before July 31st of each year, guardian ad litem shall submit an affidavit or other evidence showing proof of completion of training to the secretary to the Judge of the Juvenile Division (Court) and/or to the clerk of Division 2 of the Family Court. This affidavit or other evidence shall acknowledge that the guardian ad litem has reviewed and has complied with the guardian ad litem standards.

6. The local rules and process have been reviewed, and no modification in either is necessary at the present time to effectively implement this plan.
7. The 31st Judicial Circuit shall review this plan as needed to determine the need for modifications necessary to assure the continued effectiveness of the guardian ad litem standards.

So ORDERED this 29th day of April,



Thomas E. Mountjoy
Presiding Judge
31st Judicial Circuit