

**NOTICE: THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS SENSITIVE DATA**

Cause No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ § In the District Court of  
\_\_\_\_\_ § \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas  
\_\_\_\_\_ § \_\_\_\_\_ Judicial District

**Motion for Appointment of Attorney Ad Litem**

**1. Petitioner**

My name is:

\_\_\_\_\_ *First* \_\_\_\_\_ *Middle* \_\_\_\_\_ *Last*  
I am the  Petitioner  Respondent in this case and request the appointment  
of an attorney ad litem to represent the interests of \_\_\_\_\_  
*(name of child[ren] or other party)*

**2. Appointment of Attorney Ad Litem** *(select one)*

- Under section 107.012 of the Texas Family Code, in a suit filed by a governmental entity requesting termination of the parent-child relationship or to be named conservator of a child, the court shall appoint an attorney ad litem to represent the interests of the child.
- Under section 107.013(a)(1) of the Texas Family Code, in a suit filed by a governmental entity under Subtitle E in which termination of the parent-child relationship or the appointment of a conservator for a child is requested, the court shall appoint an attorney ad litem to represent the interests of an indigent parent of the child who responds in opposition to the termination or appointment.
- Under section 107.013(a)(2) of the Texas Family Code, in a suit filed by a governmental entity under Subtitle E in which termination of the parent-child relationship or the appointment of a conservator for a child is requested, the court shall appoint an attorney ad litem to represent the interests of a parent served by citation by publication.
- Under section 107.013(a)(3) of the Texas Family Code, in a suit filed by a governmental entity under Subtitle E in which termination of the parent-child relationship or the appointment of a conservator for a child is requested, the court shall appoint an attorney ad litem to represent the interests of an alleged father who failed to register with the registry under Chapter 160 and whose identity or location is unknown.

- Under section 107.013(a)(4) of the Texas Family Code, in a suit filed by a governmental entity under Subtitle E in which termination of the parent-child relationship or the appointment of a conservator for a child is requested, the court shall appoint an attorney ad litem to represent the interests of an alleged father who registered with the paternity registry under Chapter 160, but the petitioner's attempt to personally serve citation at the address provided to the registry and at any other address for the alleged father known by the petitioner has been unsuccessful.
- Under section 107.021(a) of the Texas Family Code, in a suit where the best interest of the child[ren] are at issue, the court may appoint an attorney ad litem.
- Under section 107.021(a-1) of the Texas Family Code, in a suit requesting termination of the parent-child relationship that is not filed by a governmental entity, the court shall, unless the court finds that the interests of the child will be represented adequately by a party to the suit whose interests are not in conflict with the child's interest, appoint an attorney ad litem.

**3. Fees and Expenses** *(select one)*

\_\_\_\_\_ cannot afford to pay for this  
*(name of party filing motion)*  
 appointment and requests that \_\_\_\_\_  
*(name of other party)*  
 be ordered to pay all fees and expenses associated with the appointment.


\_\_\_\_\_ requests that the Attorney  
*(name of party filing motion)*  
 Ad Litem be paid reasonable fees and expenses as follows: Petitioner shall  
 pay \_\_\_\_\_ percent and Respondent shall pay \_\_\_\_\_ percent.  
*(percent)* *(percent)*

Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Prayer**

\_\_\_\_\_ prays that the Court grant this Motion for  
*(name of party filing motion)*  
 Appointment of Attorney Ad Litem.

Respectfully submitted,

 \_\_\_\_\_  
**Your Signature** Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Your Printed Name Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address City State Zip

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

**Notice of Hearing**

The above motion is set for hearing on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ .M. in \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (designation and location of court).


SIGNED on \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Judge or Clerk

**Certificate of Service**

I certify that I delivered a copy of this document to each party in this case, or if a party is represented by a lawyer to the party's lawyer, by: *(Check one or more)*

- Hand delivery to the other party \_\_\_\_\_
- Hand delivery to the other party's lawyer \_\_\_\_\_
- Email to this email address \_\_\_\_\_
- Regular mail to this address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Certified mail to this address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Commercial delivery service (for example FedEx) to this address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Fax to fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature** Date

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**Order Appointing Attorney Ad Litem**

The motion filed in this case requests the appointment of an attorney ad litem to represent the interests of \_\_\_\_\_  
*(name of child[ren] or other party)*

The motion is GRANTED and the Court appoints \_\_\_\_\_  
*(name)*  
as Attorney Ad Litem to provide legal services to \_\_\_\_\_  
*(name of child[ren] or other party)*

The Court hereby finds that Attorney Ad Litem is entitled to reasonable fees and expenses to be paid by the parties as follows: *(select one)*

Petitioner is ORDERED to pay \_\_\_\_\_ percent and Respondent is ORDERED  
*(percent)*  
to pay \_\_\_\_\_ percent. The Court hereby ORDERS \_\_\_\_\_  
*(percent)* *(Petitioner/Respondent)*  
to deposit the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ with the Attorney Ad Litem no  
*(amount)*  
later than 5:00 P.M. \_\_\_\_\_ days following the signing of this order.  
*(number)*  
The Court reserves the right to order additional cost deposits before trial as necessary.

Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED on \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
JUDGE PRESIDING