

Questions of Counsel Before Appointing Ad Litem

Cause#:
Party Names:
1. How old is the minor?
Answer:
2. What relationship does the next friend have to the minor?
Answer:
3. What language does the next friend speak?
Answer:
4. Does the Ad Litem need to speak another language other than English. If so, what language?
Answer:
5. If the court cannot find an ad litem who speaks the language of the next friend, is there provision for providing proper translation? If so, what is it?
Answer:
6. Does the proposed settlement involve the use of annuities, special needs trust or other investment suggestions other than depositing money into the registry of the court?
Answer:
7. Is the proposed attorney fee more than 1/3 of the recovery? If so, the attorney will need to be prepared to explain why the attorney fee should be greater than 1/3.
Answer:
8. What are the basic terms of the settlement? Total? Attorney fee? Case expenses? Medical reimbursement? Other? What is the net recovery for the minor?