

Policy on Amicus Attorneys and Ad Litem

Attorney ad litem/amicus required by statute: Appointments are made according to TFC, Chapter 107, Subchapter A. Ad litem/amicus attorneys are always appointed when required by law. The parties may choose their amicus/ad litem by agreement. In the absence of an agreement, the Court shall choose.

Attorney ad litem/amicus discretionary: The parties are free to agree to whether or not an amicus/ad item attorney is appointed. If no agreement is reached, one party may request that the court appoint an ad litem/amicus. If the Court decides that an amicus/ad litem attorney should be appointed, the parties will be given the opportunity to agree on the amicus/ad litem attorney. In the absence of an agreement, the Court shall choose.