

Minutes  
Standing Committee on Guardians Ad Litem and  
Attorneys for the Minor Child in Family Matters  
September 6, 2018

The Standing Committee on Guardians Ad Litem and Attorneys for the Minor Child in Family Matters met in Courtroom 400 of the Hartford Judicial District Courthouse located at 95 Washington Street, Hartford, CT, on September 6, 2018.

Those in attendance: Judge Michael Albis (chair); Ms. Liza Andrews, Policy Director, CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Judge Edward Graziani; Attorney Danielle S. Rado; Attorney Susan Hamilton (designated by Attorney Christine Perra Rapillo); and Attorney Justine Rakich-Kelly

Those participating by phone: Mr. Stephen B. Carragher, Public Health Services Manager, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section, Department of Public Health

Absent: Mr. Samuel S. Gray, Jr., President and CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of Hartford; and Attorney Michael Cronin

Also in attendance were Judge Elizabeth Bozzuto, Attorney Michael Bowler from the Statewide Grievance Committee, Attorney Nancy Porter from the Judicial Branch Legal Services Unit, Attorney Matt Berardino from the External Affairs Division, Attorney Damon Goldstein and Mr. Samuel Bruder from the Judicial Branch's Court Operations Unit.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by Judge Albis.

I. Review and Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Liza Andrews and seconded by Attorney Hamilton to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 19, 2018. The motion passed unanimously and the minutes were approved, with Judge Albis, Attorney Rakich-Kelly and Mr. Carragher abstaining.

II. Process and Removal of Individuals from List of Persons Qualified to Serve as GAL/AMC

The Committee discussed the Proposed Removal Process by Complaint with agreement on who has standing to bring a complaint, the standard required to be removed from the list, the burden of proof, the period of limitations, the process, and the remedy. Attorney Bowler and Attorney Porter provided comments during the discussion. A draft of the removal process will be circulated in advance of the next meeting in preparation for additional discussion at the next scheduled meeting.

III. Changes to the Active List of Persons Qualified to Serve as a GAL/AMC

No changes to report at this time.

#### IV. Schedule of Future Meetings

The next meeting for the Standing Committee on Guardians Ad Litem and Attorneys for the Minor Child in Family Matters will be October 23, 2018 at 2:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Hartford Judicial District Courthouse located at 95 Washington Street, Hartford, CT, with the room to be determined.

Judge Albis adjourned the meeting at 3:57 PM