

Minutes
Standing Committee on Guardians Ad Litem and
Attorneys for the Minor Child in Family Matters
November 15, 2022

The Standing Committee on Guardians Ad Litem and Attorneys for the Minor Child in Family Matters met remotely via Microsoft Teams on November 15, 2022. The meeting was convened by the chair in Courtroom 407 at 1 Court Street, Middletown, Connecticut.

Those in attendance: Judge Michael Albis (chair); Judge Jennifer Macierowski; Attorney Bryan Cafferelli; Mr. Stephen B. Carragher, Public Health Services Manager, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section, Department of Public Health; Attorney Danielle S. Rado; Attorney Susan Hamilton (designated by the Chief Public Defender); Ms. Liza Andrews, Policy Director, CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Absent: Attorney Nisa J. Khan; Attorney Justine Rakich-Kelly

Also in attendance was Attorney Damon Goldstein from the Judicial Branch's Court Operations Unit.

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM by Judge Albis.

I. Review and Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Susan Hamilton and seconded by Judge Macierowski to approve the minutes from the meeting held on October 3, 2022. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0 with two members absent.

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

Attorney Steven Dembo

Attorney Steven Dembo was removed from the active list in August 2015 at his request. Attorney Dembo emailed a request to be reinstated to the active list on October 31, 2022. Attorney Dembo meets all the requirements of Practice Book Sections 25-62(b) and 25-62(c)(1).

After a brief discussion by the participating Committee members, Judge Macierowski moved, and Liza Andrews seconded, that Attorney Dembo be reinstated to the active list. The Committee approved the reinstatement by a 7-0 vote with two members absent.

III. Schedule of Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Standing Committee on Guardians Ad Litem and Attorneys for the Minor Child in Family Matters will be held January 9, 2023 at 2:00 PM.

IV. Such Other Matters as may Properly Come Before the Standing Committee

Damon Goldstein indicated that the annual email requesting updated information from all

active GALs/AMCs will be sent out this week.

Danielle Rado moved, and Liza Andrews seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting. The Committee approved the motion by a 7-0 vote. Judge Albis adjourned the meeting at 1:10 PM.