

Guardian ad Litem Interview

Case Name: _____

Location of interview: _____ Date: _____

Persons present: _____

1. Introduce yourself, explain the role of a GAL and your role as a law student in the Clinic.

2. Name of person interviewed, address and phone numbers:

3. Phone numbers:

4. Date of Birth:

5. Attorney's name, if represented and contact info: _

6. Full Names of parents:

7. Date relationship began: _____

8. Name and DOB of Child(ren) (and place where they currently reside):

9. Full Names, ages and relationships of all persons who reside in the home with the child(ren):

10. Employment: (location, duties, schedule, etc.)

11. Marital Status:

12. Name of Current Spouse:

13. Date Married Current Spouse:

14. Current Spouse's Employment:

15. Current Spouse's Child(ren) from any previous relationships:

16. Name of Former Spouse (Parent of your child(ren)):

17. Date Married and Divorced Former Spouse:

18. Procedural History (if parties are divorced or other court proceedings include dates, styles and docket numbers for all):

19. Former Spouse's Employment:

20. Former Spouse's Children from other relationships (include ages, relationship to our client, and how they get along):

21. Current legal arrangements concerning minor child and situation that caused the Chancellor to appoint a GAL (i.e., what are the issues?):

22. Ask any appropriate questions to clarify legal issues:

23. Any criminal convictions or pending criminal charges (of any kind, esp. domestic violence):
a. Against you?

b. Against any of the parties?

24. Information regarding child:

a. Education:

School

Grade _____

Teachers/counselors _____

Performance/Grades _____

Extracurricular activities (sports, band, clubs ...) _____

b. Health:

Problems or concerns

Major illnesses

Doctors (pediatrician, specialists)

c. Behavioral Problems:

School

Home

Community (juvenile court record)

d. Counselor(s), psychologist, psychiatrist (address):

Why does the child see the mental health professional?

e. Social workers (DHS, etc):

Why are they involved?

25. Identify all persons who have first-hand knowledge about the issues affecting the children. (Who should we interview?) (include full names, relationship to child(ren), contact information)

26. What other information about the child(ren) should the court know? _____
