

“ Prior to volunteering as a pro bono Guardian ad Litem attorney, my legal experience had been primarily confined to representing large corporations in complex business transactions. The prospect of having a real live human being for a client made me more than a little nervous and I wondered if I would actually be able to do anything helpful in this completely new area. However, after being introduced to my foster child, who seemed nearly as nervous as I was, I quickly realized that there is much I can do for her. Whether it be visiting with her at her home to filing a motion requesting Court approval so she can attend a church sponsored Christmas trip, **being a volunteer Guardian ad Litem has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have had in my 20 years of practicing law.** ”

— Carol Hinds,
Guardian ad Litem Pro Bono Attorney



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The Florida Guardian ad Litem Program is a partnership of community advocates and professional staff providing a powerful voice on behalf of Florida's abused and neglected children.



HOW YOU CAN HELP A CHILD:

- Attorneys can represent the best interests of teens in foster care transitioning to adulthood as a Guardian ad Litem with support from a case coordinator and program attorney
- Attorneys can utilize their area of expertise to assist the Guardian ad Litem Program in advocating for the child's needs
- Attorneys can represent the child in an attorney-client relationship as the attorney ad litem

HOW WILL YOU BENEFIT?

- Receive 8 hours of CLE credit including 1 hour of ethics after completing the series of specialized training DVD's and PowerPoint presentations available for viewing on the website, www.GuardianadLitem.org
- Fulfill Florida Bar pro bono requirement
- New attorneys will gain valuable experience by actively participating in trials, assisting with appeals and other court hearings
- In as little as 4-6 hours per month an attorney can truly make a difference in a child's life

CALL TO ACTION FROM CHIEF JUSTICE QUINCE

Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Peggy Quince has partnered with the Guardian ad Litem Program to recruit attorneys to volunteer in the child welfare system. One of the ways to do this is through the Program's Fostering Independence Project. This project pairs pro bono attorneys with teens in foster care to help them obtain the services they need to prepare for adulthood. Chief Justice Quince, in her swearing-in ceremony, asked . . .

“ . . . the lawyers of this state to volunteer for the Fostering Independence Project. We have hundreds of children who age out of foster care every year but are they really ready to take their place as good and productive citizens in the state of Florida? I believe with our help, with the help of the lawyers of this state, we can make them those kind of citizens. ”



“ Thanks for never giving up on me. ”

— 16 year old to his
Guardian ad Litem Volunteer

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