



# GAL Training 2022

**Program dates start May 12. Register today!**

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## Great GAL Guidance

*Guardian ad Litem Training 2022* will prepare both new and experienced GALs to perform their vital part in the family court system. You'll come away with a deeper understanding of the variety of roles you might take on as a GAL, as well as practical tips for how to represent the best interests of a child.

Gain valuable takeaways that will prepare you to face complex situations inherent to guardian ad litem work. You'll be able to make solid recommendations to court commissioners, address common ethical issues, and more.

## How you'll benefit:

- Receive guidance from a panel of family court commissioners on what they expect from GALs
- Understand a mental health expert's approach to children and therapy in GAL cases
- Hear a judge's perspective on what to expect at trial and the GAL's role to inform the court
- Get advice from a roundtable of GALs on everything from appointment to current issues like vaccination decisions
- Understand how to avoid the many ethical pitfalls that a GAL can face in their role

## Who should attend:

- Guardians ad litem for minors
- Those seeking GAL minor appointments
- Juvenile/children's attorneys
- Family lawyers
- General practitioners

**Register now!**

## Registration

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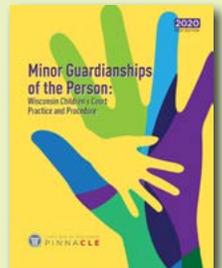
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## Book Sale!

### Minor Guardianships of the Person: Wisconsin Children's Court Practice and Procedure

SAVE 20% on [Minor Guardianships of the Person: Wisconsin Children's Court Practice and Procedure](#). \* *Minor Guardianships* will give you the history of the law and bring you up to speed on the very recent legislative overhaul that moved private guardianships of children from chapter 54 of the Wisconsin Statutes to chapter 48 and created the new Wis. Stat. §48.9795.



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**Print Book:** #AK0128; 192+ pp.; 1st ed. 2020-21

**Member:** ~~\$159~~ \$127.20 **Nonmember:** ~~\$199~~ \$159.20

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## Schedule

### 8:00 AM Registration

### 8:30 AM Court Commissioner Roundtable

- Appointing a GAL – when and how
- Expectations of a GAL by commissioners
- Withholding placement and ramifications
- Mediation and the rule
- Allegations of domestic violence or substance abuse
- Court commissioner authority – whether a commissioner can require treatment
- Hearings before a commissioner and the rules of evidence
- Issues due to COVID – do parents get their missed placement time made up?  
*Barry J. Boline, Kelly Iselin, Thomas A. Kolpien, Cynthia L. Vopal*

### 10:30 AM Break

### 10:45 AM Judge's Perspective

- New training requirements and accepting appointments
- *Valadez* case
- Pro se litigant issues
- Covid-19 Vaccination recommendations by GALs
- Child abuse restraining orders  
*Hon. Thomas J. Walsh*

### 11:45 AM Lunch Break (on your own)

### 1:00 PM Mental Health and Children

- Approach to children in therapy
- Court ordered therapy and privilege
- Alienation syndrome – is it a diagnosis?
- Reunification therapy – does it work?  
*Dr. Marc K. Wruble*

### 2:30 PM Break

### 2:45 PM Guardian ad Litem Roundtable

- Basics of accepting an appointment
- Payment Models
- Making a recommendation and what is taken into consideration
- Other evidence – interviews and psychological evaluations
- Current issues:
  - ▶ Who makes the decision as to whether a child can be vaccinated?
  - ▶ Parents work schedules and placement challenges

- Guardians ad litem and minimizing conflict  
*Michael S. Brandt, Gail R. Jebbia, Ryan S. MacGillis, Kathryn Pugh, Carley N. Windorff*

### 3:45 PM Ethical Issues Faced by Guardians ad Litem

- Eligibility for GAL appointments
- Payment of the GAL
- Purpose of GAL
- SCR 20:3.5
- *Montigny v. de Montigny*
- Acting as a witness is prohibited – why?
- Communicating to individuals represented by counsel – how can a GAL do that?
- Discovery and confidentiality rules SCR 20:1.6
- GAL communications with collaterals  
*Katherine Harrell, Liz Schuster*

### 4:35 PM Question & Answer

### 4:45 PM Program Concludes

*Following start time, schedule will vary slightly from above listed times.*

## Dates Location

### In-Person Seminar – Madison

Thursday, May 12, 2022

#### State Bar Center

5302 Eastpark Blvd.,  
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(608) 257-3838

### Live Webcast

Thursday, May 12, 2022

### Webcast Replays

Thursday, May 19, 2022

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## Credits

This program will be submitted to the Wisconsin Board of Bar Examiners for **7.5 CLE/GAL Minor/Family credits including 1 Ethics and Professional Responsibility credit.**

## Faculty

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### Presenters

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#### Dr. Marc K. Wruble

Psychologist, Platteville

## Additional Learning Opportunities

### Domestic Abuse for GALs: A Four-Step (SAFeR) Framework

Discover tools to identify, evaluate, and make recommendations in disputed custody cases involving domestic abuse. Know what to look for when it comes to abuse and be ready to protect children by developing a safe placement plan. 7 CLE, 7 GALF, 7 GALMIN, 7 GALDV, 1 EPR.

**Madison Seminar and Live Webcast:** June 8, 2022

**Webcast Replays:** June 20 | June 24 | June 30 | July 6 | July 12 | July 18 | July 22

### The Guardian ad Litem Handbook

Discover essential and practical information for handling legal issues that arise for GALs, as well as insight into the typical characteristics of children, elderly persons, and disabled adults. You'll also find helpful interviewing techniques and a complete set of downloadable forms. (Includes 2020-21 supplement)

**Print Book:** #AK0057; 742+ pp.; 5th ed. 2018-19; **Member:** \$210 | **Nonmember:** \$263

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