



GAL Training 2023

Program dates start May 11. Register today!

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CLE/GAL Minor/Family

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*Endorsed by the Family Law Section
of the State Bar of Wisconsin*

Go-to guidance for GALs

GAL Training 2023 is designed to prepare both new and experienced GALs to perform their vital role in the family court system with confidence. You'll come away with a deeper understanding of the variety of responsibilities GALs are tasked with, as well as practical tips on representing the best interests of a child.

Gain valuable takeaways from experienced practitioners that will prepare you to face the complex and emotionally charged situations inherent to guardian ad litem work. You'll be ready to make sound recommendations to the court commissioner on custody and placement in your next GAL appointment.

How you'll benefit:

- Receive an overview of guardian ad litem practice and procedure
- Learn to recognize when a parent is struggling with mental health or addiction issues
- Make effective placement and custody recommendations to the court
- Understand how divorce, placement changes, and parental addiction impact children
- Hear insights from experienced GALs on conducting investigations

Who should attend:

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

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Credits

This program will be submitted to the Wisconsin Board of Bar Examiners for **7 CLE/GAL Family/Minor credits**. It does not qualify for EPR credit.

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Madison, WI 53707-7158

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Passbook certificates must be received by the State Bar at least one business day prior to the event. For in-person seminars, walk-in registrations using Passbook Certificates are also welcome.

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Course Materials for Attendees

Course materials are provided in PDF format and are downloadable from myStateBar on wisbar.org up to two days prior to and 90 days after your seminar.

COVID-19 Safety Information

Complete and current safety guidelines can be found at wisbar.org/covidsafety.

Schedule

8:00 AM Registration

8:30 AM Acting as a GAL — An Overview:

Guardian ad Litem Practice and Procedure

- Statutory
- Types of cases where GAL can/must be appointed by the court
- Duties of a guardian ad litem – 48.235 – advocate for best interests of ward
- GAL for minor parent in TPR – 48.235(5)
- GAL for parent in contested TPR
- GAL appointments are typically continued
- Miscellaneous matters where GALs may be appointed – matters involving unborn children – relatively rare
- Appeals – Wis. Stat. § 809.107(6)(e) and (d)

Value of the Team Approach

- SWAP responsibilities
- Value to the caretakers
- Value to the children

Guardians ad Litem in Family Court

- Types of cases
- When is a GAL appointed? (Wis. Stat. § 767.407(1))
- Requirements of GALs in family court (Wis. Stat. § 767.407(4))
- Evaluation of a family court case

The Impact of *In Re the Marriage of Valadez* and the Importance of Certified Treatment

- Waukesha county case no. 18FA296, *In re the marriage of Julie C. Valadez and Ricardo Valadez*
- Wis. Stat. § 767.41(2)(d)1
- *In re the Marriage of Valadez*, 400 Wis. 2d 523, 969 N.W.2d 770, 2022 WI App 2 (Wis. Ct. App. 2021)
- Wisconsin Batterers Treatment Provider Association (WBTPA)
Anne Marie Abell, Marco Bichanic, Katherine Teague, Julie Whitney

9:20 AM Court Commissioners Panel: Addiction and Placement

Barry Boline, Kelly Iselin, Cynthia Vopal

10:10 AM Break

10:25 AM Court Commissioners Panel: Mental Health, Treatment, and Placement

Barry Boline, Kelly Iselin, Cynthia Vopal

11:15 AM THC and the FCC: Tips, Tricks, and Takeaways for Handling Marijuana Issues

- Background and quick history of marijuana legality and use
- Concerns relating to use or abuse
- THC impacts on custody, placement and support decisions and orders
- Views from the bench
- How to prepare and present your position to gain favorable outcomes
Elizabeth M. Pfeuffer

12:05 PM Lunch (on your own)

1:05 PM Custody and Placement Evaluations

Shelly Anday

1:55 PM Children and Mental Health

Rob McCreadie

2:45 PM Break

3:00 PM GAL Panel: How to Uncover Addiction and Mental Health Issues

Patrick T. Arendt, Jennifer L. Nash Elliot, Tiffany L. Highstrom, Ashley J. Richter

3:50 PM Program Concludes

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

Dates

Location

In-Person Seminar

Thursday, May 11, 2023

State Bar Center

5302 Eastpark Blvd.
Madison, WI
(608) 257-3838

Live Webcast

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Webcast Replays

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Tuesday, May 30, 2023

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The Guardian ad Litem Handbook

Seminar attendees will enjoy a **free two-week trial** of *The Guardian ad Litem Handbook* Books UnBound® title and an invitation to **save 20%** on either a one-year subscription to the Books UnBound title or purchase of the print book.* This comprehensive guide is filled with practical information on handling GAL appointments, whether you're looking for guidance on the basics or need help with more complex issues.

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Additional Learning Opportunities

Domestic Violence for GALs: A Four Step (SAFeR) Framework 2023

Learn how to spot and respond to domestic abuse in disputed child custody cases. Identify the signs of physical, sexual, psychological, economic, or coercive controlling abuse. Understand the effects of abuse on children, assess placement options, and incorporate findings of abuse into your recommendations. **7 CLE, 1 EPR, 7 GALF, 7 GALMIN, 7 GALDV**

Webcast Replays: Mar. 27, 2023 | Apr. 6, 2023 | Apr. 11, 2023 | Apr. 21, 2023 | Apr. 26, 2023
May 4, 2023 | Sept. 14, 2023 | Oct. 10, 2023 | Nov. 17, 2023

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

Minor Guardianships will give you a better understanding of the history of minor guardianships in Wisconsin and familiarize you with more recent legislative changes. It explains the new types of guardianships and their criteria, the pros and cons of each type, and the procedure for modifying or terminating a guardianship.

Print Book: #AK0128; 192+ pp.; 1st ed. 2020-21; **Member:** \$169 | **Nonmember:** \$211.25
Books UnBound Subscription: #AE0128_SUB; **Member:** \$167 | **Nonmember:** \$209

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