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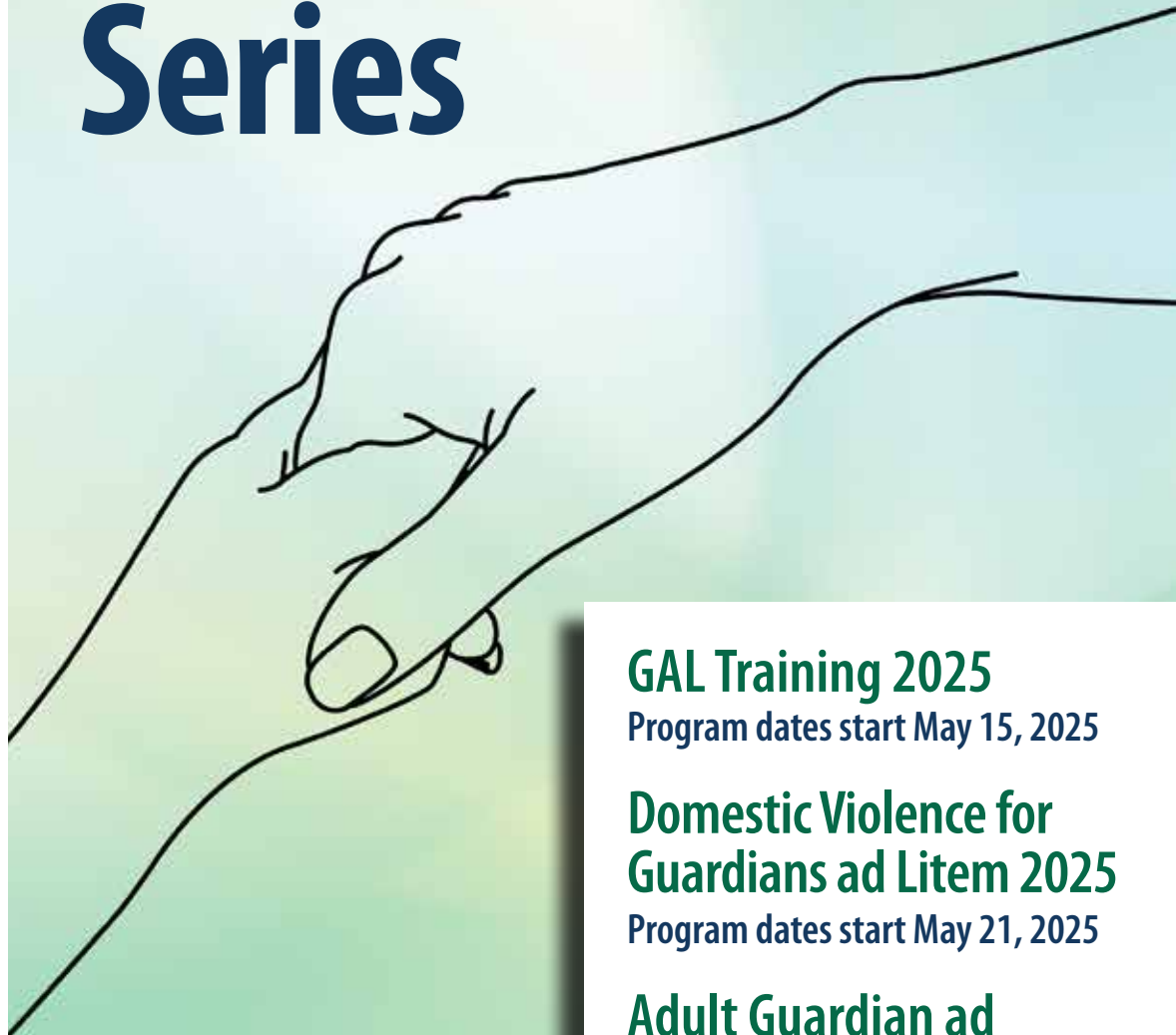
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## 2025 Guardian ad Litem Series



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# 2025 Guardian ad Litem Series



### **GAL Training 2025**

Program dates start May 15, 2025

### **Domestic Violence for Guardians ad Litem 2025**

Program dates start May 21, 2025

### **Adult Guardian ad Litem Training 2025**

Program dates start May 22, 2025



# GAL Training 2025

## A champion for children

**GAL Training 2025** prepares you to handle the emotionally charged terrain of custody and placement cases with confidence and compassion. Whether you're taking your first appointment or building on years of experience, you'll find invaluable tools for refining your advocacy, understanding family dynamics, and making informed recommendations that shape positive outcomes for families.

Learn to advocate more effectively in contested family law cases with help from *GAL Training 2025*.

**Register now!**

## DATES & LOCATION

### IN-PERSON SEMINAR MADISON

Thursday, May 15, 2025  
**State Bar Center**  
5302 Eastpark Blvd.  
Madison, WI  
(608) 257-3838

### LIVE WEBCAST

Thursday, May 15, 2025

### WEBCAST REPLAYS

Friday, May 23, 2025  
Wednesday, May 28, 2025  
Monday, June 9, 2025  
Tuesday, June 17, 2025  
Wednesday, June 25, 2025  
Friday, July 11, 2025  
Thursday, July 24, 2025  
Tuesday, August 12, 2025  
Thursday, September 18, 2025  
Tuesday, October 21, 2025  
Monday, November 10, 2025  
Wednesday, December 3, 2025

## SCHEDULE

View detailed program schedule at [wisbar.org/GAL25](https://wisbar.org/GAL25).

- 8:00 AM Registration
- 8:30 AM Children Testifying in Family Court
- 9:30 AM Break
- 9:45 AM Current Issues for GALs
- 11:15 AM The Rising Use of Parent Coordinators
- 12:05 PM Lunch (on your own)
- 1:15 PM The Impact of Domestic Violence on Custody and Placement: Legal Presumptions and Advocacy
- 2:05 PM Break
- 2:20 PM Best Practices for Custody and Placement Orders
- 3:10 PM Trending Ethical Issues for Guardians ad Litem
- 4:10 PM Program Concludes

## FACULTY

### PROGRAM CHAIRS

**Sarah DeKraay**, Murphy Desmond S.C., Madison

### PRESENTERS

**Paul F. Angel**, Angel and Angel, S.C., Dodgeville  
**Haley Bjorn**, Judicare Legal Aid, Wausau  
**Adam J. Dassow**, Axley Brynelson LLP, Janesville  
**Tiffany L. Highstrom**, Stafford Rosenbaum LLP, Madison  
**Christopher S. Krimmer**, Forward Legal Services, Madison  
**Kristen E. Lonergan**, Crooks Law Firm S.C., Wausau  
**Brad C. Schweiger**, Richter & Schweiger, Madison  
**Megan M. Stoltz**, Stoltz Law Office LLC, Monona  
**Sara M. Vanden Brook**, The Law Center, S.C., Madison  
**Hon. Thomas J. Walsh**, Brown County Circuit Court, Green Bay

## CREDITS

This program will be submitted to the Wisconsin Board of Bar Examiners for **7 CLE/GAL Family/Minor credits including 1 Ethics and Professional Responsibility credit.**



# Domestic Violence for Guardians ad Litem 2025

## Recognize, respond, recommend

When custody cases mask more profound harm, GALs must be equipped to uncover the truth. ***Domestic Violence for Guardians ad Litem 2025*** delivers the insights to help you identify different forms of abuse, assess its impact on families, and craft safety-forward recommendations that protect children while providing clarity to the court.

When abuse is present, your insights matter. Gain the knowledge and confidence to recognize it and respond appropriately at *Domestic Violence for Guardians ad Litem*. **Register now!**

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Friday, September 26, 2025  
Tuesday, October 14, 2025  
Thursday, November 6, 2025  
Friday, December 12, 2025  
Wednesday, December 17, 2025

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- 8:00 AM Registration**
- 8:30 AM Introduction to the Revised Domestic Abuse Guidebook for Wisconsin GALs**
- 8:50 AM SAFeR: Screen for Domestic Violence**
- 10:05 AM Break**
- 10:20 AM SAFeR: Assess the Nature and Context of Domestic Violence**
- 11:20 AM Case Scenario**
- 11:50 AM Lunch (on your own)**
- 12:50 PM SAFeR: Focus on the Effects of Domestic Violence**
- 1:35 PM SAFeR: Recommendations that Account for Domestic Violence**
- 2:20 PM Break**
- 2:35 PM Case Scenario, continued**
- 3:00 PM Ethical Issues in Obtaining or Presenting the Best Interest of the Child**
- 3:50 PM Program Concludes**

## FACULTY

### PRESENTERS

**Meghan E. Healy**, DiRenzo & Bomier, LLC, Neenah  
**Kari Niesen-LaScala**, End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin, Madison  
**Kelsey Mullins**, Office of Court Operations, Madison  
**Christine R. H. Olsen**, Olsen Law Office, Wausau  
**Gricel Santiago-Rivera**, Santiago Family Law & Mediation Services, Madison

## CREDITS

This program will be submitted to the Wisconsin Board of Bar Examiners for **7 CLE/GAL Family/Minor/GAL Domestic Violence credits including 1 Ethics and Professional Responsibility credit**. The BBE is not currently tracking GALDV credits.



# Adult Guardian ad Litem Training 2025

## Dignity-driven advocacy

Effective advocacy for adults requires knowledge, skill, and an empathetic approach. **Adult Guardian ad Litem Training 2025** provides critical guidance for GALs navigating guardianship and protective placement cases. Through real-world scenarios, you'll explore common challenges, deepen your understanding of procedural nuances, and enhance your ability to protect your wards' rights and interests at every step.

No matter your experience level, *Adult Guardian ad Litem Training 2025* has tips and tools to help you take your advocacy up a notch.

**Register now!**

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**8:30 AM** Guardianship Basics Scenarios

**10:10 AM** Break

**10:25 AM** Scenarios, Continued

**11:15 AM** The Rights of Wards and Other Interested Parties

**12:05 PM** Lunch (on your own)

**1:05 PM** The Role of the GAL in Post-Guardianship Proceedings

**1:55 PM** Understanding Professional Guardianship Systems in Wisconsin

**2:45 PM** Break

**3:00 PM** Competency Evaluations

**3:50 PM** Program Concludes

## FACULTY

### PROGRAM CHAIRS & PRESENTERS

**Jessica A. Liebau**, Wessels & Liebau LLC, Mequon

**Avery J. Mayne**, Walny Legal Group LLC, Milwaukee

### PRESENTERS

**Jessica Ann Braun**, Schober Schober & Mitchell, S.C., New Berlin

**Victoria Davis Davila**, Davis & Pledl, S.C., Milwaukee

**Solomon H. Gatton**, Wisconsin State Public Defender's Office,  
Sheboygan

**Jenny Kraftcheck**, Wisconsin Department of Health Services,  
Madison

**Sara K. Micheletti**, McCarty Law LLP, Appleton

**Blaine Patiño**, Canellos & Patiño LLC, Wauwatosa

**Polly Shoemaker**, Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources,  
Madison

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Nonmember	\$329	\$359
Ultimate Pass Gold/Silver	\$0	\$0
Ultimate Pass Bronze	\$249	\$0
Passbook Certificate	1 Certificate	1 Certificate

\*Tuition shown is for EACH individual program.

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**SAVE 15% on these essential resources for GALs — Use discount code: GAL25\***

### The Guardian ad Litem Handbook

This comprehensive resource is packed with practical information on handling GAL appointments, whether you're seeking guidance on the basics or need analysis on more complex issues.



**PRINT BOOK:** AK0057 | **BOOKS UNBOUND:** AE0057\_SUB



### Family Law in Wisconsin: A Forms and Procedures Handbook

From initial client meetings to post-judgment matters, the *Handbook* provides a step-by-step guide to the procedures to follow in divorce actions. (2-volume set)

**PRINT BOOK:** AK0052 | **BOOKS UNBOUND:** AE0052\_SUB

### Guardianship and Protective Placement for Older Adults in Wisconsin

This thorough guide to law and practice under the guardianship and protective placement statutes explains the basics in practical terms.



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