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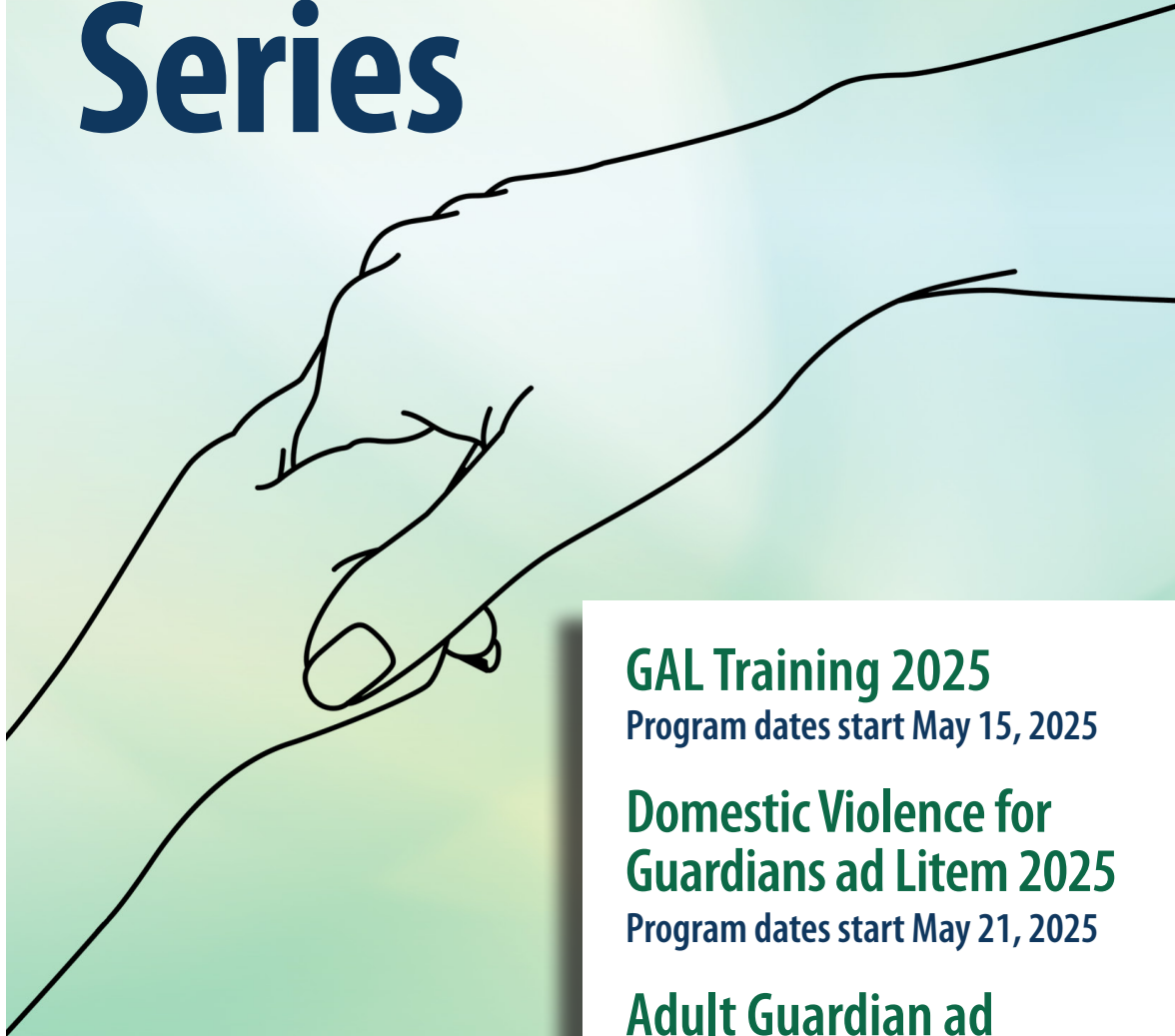
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2025 Guardian ad Litem Series



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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.

- 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

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PRESENTERS

Paul F. Angel, Angel and Angel, S.C., Dodgeville
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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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Wednesday, July 16, 2025
Thursday, July 24, 2025
Monday, August 11, 2025
Wednesday, September 10, 2025
Friday, September 26, 2025
Tuesday, October 14, 2025
Thursday, November 6, 2025
Friday, December 12, 2025
Wednesday, December 17, 2025

SCHEDULE

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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
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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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Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Saturday, June 28, 2025

Wednesday, July 2, 2025

Thursday, July 10, 2025

Friday, July 18, 2025

Thursday, September 25, 2025

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Friday, November 28, 2025

Monday, December 15, 2025

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8:00 AM Registration

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

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This program will be submitted to the Wisconsin Board of Bar Examiners for **7 CLE/GAL Adult credits**.

TUITION*

	IN-PERSON	WEBCAST
State Bar Member	\$249	\$279
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Passbook Certificate	1 Certificate	1 Certificate

*Tuition shown is for EACH individual program.

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MAIL/FAX: Visit wisbar.org/regform
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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.



PRINT BOOK: AK0201 | **BOOKS UNBOUND:** AE0201_SUB

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