



Guardian ad Litem Training

March 29, 2019

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Chapel Hill Library, 100 Library Dr
Chapel Hill, NC**

The workshop presents training for civil *Guardians ad Litem* in high conflict divorce for mental health professionals and attorneys following the model used in Judicial District 18. The role includes investigation of the family and the presentation of recommendations to the Court. (Per the local rules of Judicial District 18, GALs also must take 24 hours of training on various related topics, which can be accomplished by taking the Parent Coordinator training offered by the Center for Cooperative Parenting. Interested participants are strongly encouraged to review the local rules, which can be found here: www.centerforcooperativeparenting.org.) (Note: this program is NOT approved for CLE or CEU credits.)

PROGRAM

8:30 – 8:45 AM	Registration
8:45 – 9:15 AM	Role of the GAL in Civil Custody Litigation in NC Statutory Authorization: NCGS, Rules, Local Rules
9:15 - 9:45 AM	Getting Started: Procedures & Forms
9:45 – 10:45 AM	Process: Interviews, Information Gathering, Records, & Reports
10:45 – 11:00 AM	Break
11:00 – 12:15 PM	GAL in Action: Case Analysis
12:15 – 12:30 PM	Wrap Up - Evaluations

Learning Objectives of the Training

1. List three purposes or functions of the civil GAL
2. Identify the training and experience needed to be a civil GAL
3. Describe the steps involved in the evaluation process
4. Name at least four areas of information to gather in parent and child interviews
5. Describe how to vary interview techniques according to the age of the child
6. List three considerations in developing custodial schedules
7. Describe the format of the civil GAL's report to the court

Presenters

John Bowman, JD: Family Law Attorney, Mediator, Parenting Coordinator, Guardian ad Litem, Board Member of the Center for Cooperative Parenting

Cynthia Sortisio, Ph.D: Licensed Practicing Psychologist, HSP-P, Parenting Coordinator, Guardian ad Litem, President of the Center for Cooperative Parenting

Kit Stanley, Director of Family Visitation Services, Guardian ad Litem, Secretary of the Center for Cooperative Parenting

REGISTRATION FORM
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Deadline: March 1, 2019

(Space is limited, registration is first come, first served)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP _____

Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Your primary occupation:

_____ attorney _____ psychologist _____ clinical social worker _____ mental health counselor
_____ other (please describe _____)

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Registration Fees: No credit cards
Fee on or before February 15 = \$150
Fee after February 15 = \$175
No Refunds after March 15, 2019
All cancellations charged a non-refundable \$25.00

Send Registration Form with check for full registration fee payable to:

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