

GAL Review Board Meeting

January 19, 2016 – 1:00 p.m.

Capital Judicial Center - Med-Mal Screening Room – 4th Floor

Minutes

Call to order: A meeting of the GAL Review Board was held on October 21, 2015. A quorum being present, the meeting convened at 9:30 a.m. with Chair Prescott presiding. Board members in attendance were Chair Dana E. Prescott, Vice Chair Diane A. Tennies, Kenneth P. Altshuler, Karen E. Boston, Lisa A. Bryant, Wayne P. Doane, Malcolm T. Dow, Brenda M. Harvey, Christopher P. Leddy, Catherine C. Miller, and Mary Zmigrodski. Also in attendance were Judicial Liaison Justice Joseph M. Jabar and staff members Angela M. Morse, Paul W. Chaiken, and Jacqueline M. Rogers, and guest Elizabeth McCullum. David Dutremble was unable to attend the meeting.

1) Accept Minutes

Upon motion by Mr. Altshuler and second by Ms. Miller, the Minutes were approved.

2) Administrative Matters

a) Appointment of Panel Chairs

Upon motion by Mr. Dow and second by Ms. Harvey, Mr. Altshuler, Ms. Boston, Mr. Leddy, and Ms. Miller, were appointed as panel chairs for calendar year 2016.

b) FY-2017 GAL Registration Fee

Ms. Rogers distributed a proposed budget for fiscal year 2017. After review, Board members approved the proposed budget and directed Ms. Rogers' to forward the same to the Board of Overseers of the Bar for inclusion in the organization's overall operating budget.

c) GAL Demographics

Ms. Rogers distributed the GAL Roster Report noting that there are 236 rostered GALs. Of those, 90% are attorneys and 10% are non attorneys.

d) Case Statistics

Ms. Rogers distributed a report documenting the number of pending cases and the number of closed cases in the prior year.

3) Old Business

a) Update on Proposed an Amendment to the Maine Rules for Guardian Ad Litem with Respect to Rostering

Mr. Prescott reported that he submitted a proposed amendment to the Court on behalf of the GAL Review Board on November 13, 2015. The proposed amendment would authorize a waiver of licensure requirements for purposes of adding an otherwise qualified applicant to the Guardian ad Litem Roster.

4) New Business

a) Remarks from Libby McCullum, Judicial Branch Children's GAL Services Coordinator

Chair Prescott welcomed Libby McCullum and introduced her to Board members. Ms. McCullum provided Board members with an overview of her position at the Judicial Branch as well as information regarding the creation of Maine's guardians ad litem system and the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program.

b) Other new business

There was no new business.

5) Training

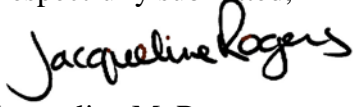
Board Counsel Chaiken and Board Clerk Morse presented an in depth training to Board members which included an overview of the statutes, rules and the process to be used to investigate and resolve complaints.

6) Confirm next meeting date of April 12, 2016

The next Board meeting will be held on April 12, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. at the Capital Judicial Center.

Note: Due to scheduling conflicts, the meeting was rescheduled for April 25, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacqueline Rogers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jacqueline M. Rogers
Executive Director