

**279<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT**  
**ATTORNEY AD LITEM AND GUARDIAN AD LITEM LIST**  
**SEPTEMBER 1, 2015**

The attorneys registered and qualified to serve as attorneys ad litem and guardians ad litem in the 279<sup>th</sup> District Court are as follows:

Langston Adams  
Melanie Airey  
Ashley Cedillo  
Glen Crocker  
Malachi Daws  
Dane A. Dennison  
William Ford Dishman  
Phillip Dowden  
J. Scott Frederick  
Gordon Friesz  
Andrew P. Gertz  
Paul Gertz  
David Grove  
Terrance Holmes  
Mark Mainwaring  
Kim Phelan  
Anita Provo  
Nathan Reynolds  
Charlie Rojas  
Sean Samuel  
Tara Shelander  
Jolei Shipley  
Tonya Toups  
Brent Turk  
Joel Vasquez  
Mike Walzel  
John West  
Dean Brinkley

A rotation system will be used to appoint attorneys ad litem and guardians ad litem beginning at the top of the list.

In all child welfare cases, a CASA will be appointed as the guardian ad litem for the child or children.

In all child welfare cases, attorneys seeking appointments as attorneys ad litem must complete at least three hours of continuing legal education relating to the representation of children each year as required by Texas Family Code §107.004.

The four-hour certification course for attorneys who want to serve as guardians ad litem in the probate courts cannot be substituted for the training required by Texas Family Code §107.004.

In a complex matter, the court may depart from the list to appoint a person as an attorney ad litem or guardian ad litem due the person's relevant specialized education, training, certification, skill, language proficiency or knowledge of subject matter.

By agreement, attorneys may choose any qualified person to serve as an attorney ad litem or guardian ad litem with the approval of the court.

Any qualified attorney may register with the court and have the attorney's name added to the list.

The list shall be posted at the courthouse and on the 279<sup>th</sup> District Court's website.

The list was created pursuant to Chapter 37 of the Texas Government Code.