



**CIRCUIT COURT
NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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The Chambers of
MICHAEL G. NERHEIM
Circuit Judge

December 6, 2024

Instructions for Application for Approval to Serve as a Member of the Family Child Representatives and Guardian Ad Litem List or Adoption Guardian Ad Litem pursuant to 750 ILCS 5/506

These instructions and the attached Application are for use by qualified attorneys in connection with the Local Court Rule 4-3.07 and 750 ILCS 5/506 regarding the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Family Child Representatives and Guardian Ad Litem 2024-2026 list. If you are interested in being added to the Child Representative and Guardian Ad Litem list or the Adoption Guardian Ad Litem, you must submit all of the documents below by **January 10, 2025**. Note: Failure to submit your application in a timely manner will result in your name not being on the list until 2026, no exceptions.

In order to be added to the Child Representatives and Guardian Ad Litem list please submit the following by January 10, 2025:

1. Child Representatives and Guardian Ad Litem Application
2. 2-Day Child Representatives and Guardian Ad Litem training
3. Current State of Illinois Professional License
4. Current malpractice insurance
5. Documentation of completion of 10 hours of continuing education in the past 2 years

You are required by Local Court Rule 4-3.07 (D) (6) to accept two pro bono appointments annually to remain on the Child Representatives and Guardian Ad Litem list. Individuals interested in being approved as a member of the list should send a completed application form and all attachments required. Applications and the documentation listed above will **ONLY** be accepted via email to the Family Judicial Assistant (FamilyJA@lakecountyil.gov) in order to expedite the process. If you have any questions, call 847-377-3634 or email the address above.

For further information, please refer to the Local Court Rules of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit on the website www.19thcircuitcourt.state.il.us/ and 750 ILCS 5/506 for the most current requirements. Thank you for your continued interest in the 19th Judicial Circuit's Child Representative and Guardian Ad Litem Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "M. Nerheim".

Michael G. Nerheim
Presiding Judge Family Division