

Superior Court of Washington, County of _____

In re:

Petitioner/s (*person/s who started this case*):

And Respondent/s (*other party/parties*):

No. _____

Motion to Appoint Guardian ad Litem
(MTGAL)

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I declare:

1. My name is: _____.

2. I ask the Court to appoint a Guardian ad Litem (GAL) for (*name/s*): _____
_____ for the reasons listed below.

☐ these children need a GAL to investigate, report, and make recommendations about what is best for them. Appointing a GAL would be in their best interests because it would help the court decide (*check all that apply*):

☐ which parent the children should live with, and what the parenting plan or residential schedule should be.

☐ whether genetic testing should be done and who the legal parents should be.

☐ whether the children's names should be changed.

☐ other (*specify*): _____

☐ (*For cases about parentage*) These children are age two or older and have a presumed, acknowledged or adjudicated parent. The law requires these children to be parties to this case; therefore they need a GAL. (RCW 26.26.510)

☐ This person is a Petitioner or Respondent and is a minor (under 18 years old). (RCW 4.08.050)

- [illegible]

- ☐ a final *Parenting Plan* or *Residential Schedule* is ordered.
- ☐ parentage is decided.
- ☐ the minor party reaches the age of 18.
- ☐ other (*specify*): _____

- 5.** The GAL's fees should be paid as follows: _____

- 6.** Other requests (if any) _____

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the facts I have provided on this form are true.

Person making this motion signs here *Print name here*

☐ my lawyer's address, listed below.

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city

zip

(Optional) email: _____

*(If this address changes before the case ends, you **must** notify all parties and the court clerk in writing. You may use the Notice of Address Change form (FL All Family 120). You must also update your Confidential Information Form (FL All Family 001) if this case involves parentage or child support.)*

Lawyer (if any) fills out below:

Lawyer signs here

Print name and WSBA No.

Date

city

zip

Email (if applicable): _____

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