

**Information & Instructions: Order appointing an attorney Ad Litem to represent the children in a divorce**

# PREVIEW

1. Subchapter B of Chapter 107 of the Texas Family Code refers to attorneys Ad Litem to represent the interests of children in suits affecting the parent-child relationship.
2. Appointment of an attorney Ad Litem is not mandatory except where termination of the parental relationship is sought. Therefore, appointment of an Ad Litem is relative to the general practice of the county in which the suit is sought.
3. Appointment of an attorney Ad Litem is often governed by the financial circumstances of the parties involved as few counties, if any, will provide funds for such an appointment.
4. Because of the cost involved in an additional attorney in the case, appointment of an attorney Ad Litem will be generally reserved to the most contentious or severe divorce cases.

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**Form: Order of appointment of attorney Ad Litem**

NO: [Cause Number]

IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT
[Petitioner Name], Petitioner	§	
	§	
v.	§	
	§	[District] JUDICIAL DISTRICT
[Respondent Name], Respondent	§	
	§	
AND IN THE INTEREST OF:	§	
[CHILD NAME]	§	[SUIT COUNTY] COUNTY, TEXAS

# THIS DOCUMENT

**APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY AD LITEM**

It has been brought to the Court's attention that there is a need to appoint an attorney Ad Litem.

IT IS ORDERED that the Court appoints [Ad Litem Name] as attorney Ad Litem to represent the interests of the children in this suit.

# THANK YOU

This appointment shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect during the pendency of this suit or until further order of this Court.

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JUDGE PRESIDING

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**THANK YOU**

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