

## COUNTY OF GALVESTON

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## **NOTICE-AMENDED**

RE: Ad Litem Appointments in Galveston County

Pursuant to Section 74.092 of the Government Code, the Local Administrative Judges shall establish and maintain a list of all attorneys qualified to serve as an attorney ad litem. The list of attorneys ad litem maintained under Subsection (a)(11) must contain the names of all attorneys who: (1) meet any statutory or other requirements to serve as an attorney ad litem; and (2) have registered to serve as attorney ad litem with a court for which the judge maintaining the list serves as local administrative judge.

The initial list to be compiled on December 02, 2009, will consist of the current list maintained by the local BAR and any lists currently approved and held by the local courts. So, if you are already on the BAR list you **DO NOT** need to submit your certification to get on this original list. Your certification will expire two years from the date of your certification letter and, at that time, you will need to submit a new certification letter in order to remain on the list.

Effective December 02, 2009, attorneys who wish to be added to the Galveston County ad litem list must:

- submit a certificate verifying that the attorney has completed the Galveston BAR ad litem seminar (8.0-good for 2 years), or comparable seminar/training with a minimum 4.0 educational hours (each year), and;
- must reside in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Region
- Complete the "For Kid's Sake" program (for family/CPS applicants)
- Renew certification every two years

Application for inclusion to the Galveston County ad litem list should be mailed to:

Office of Justice Administration 600 – 59<sup>th</sup> Street, Ste. 4209 Galveston, Texas 77551

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