Guardian ad Litem in Juvenile and Domestic Court

I. Review of the rules that address Guardian ad Litem in Domestic and Juvenile Court
   A. The Ohio Revised Code
      • Domestic and Juvenile Custody
         o 3109.04: Custody and Shared parenting
         o 3109.051: Parenting Time
      • Juvenile Matters (Abuse, Neglect, Dependency, as well as other delinquency matters if necessary)
         o 2151.281
   B. Supreme Court Rules of Superintendence
      • Rule 48
      • Advisory in nature, but adopted as part of the local rules
   C. Local Rules of Court
      • Domestic and Juvenile Custody
         o Domestic Rule 15
         o Juvenile Rule 27
      • Juvenile Matters (Abuse, Neglect, Dependency, as well as other delinquency matters if necessary)
         o Juvenile Rule 4

II. Training required to become a Guardian ad Litem
   A. Rule 48/Local Rule training requirements for initial training
   B. Additional requirements through Local Rules in order to become eligible for appointment
   C. CASA training requirements
   D. Training required to maintain placement on court appointed list
      • Domestic and Juvenile Custody
      • Juvenile
      • CASA

III. Role of the Guardian ad Litem
   A. Recommendation centered on the best interests of the child.
   B. An impartial third party, BUT...
   C. Scope of investigation
   D. Role in Court proceedings
   E. Difference between Guardian ad Litem and Attorney
   F. Additional duties required to be performed
   G. Guardian ad Litem vs. Mediation vs. Parent Coordination

IV. Ongoing relationship of Guardian ad Litem and child
   A. Reappointment
   B. Post disposition Domestic and Juvenile Custody Matters
   C. Post disposition Juvenile