

OBJECTIVES AND METHODS

GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

OBJECTIVE I Develop a familiarity with substantive areas of law.

- METHODS**
1. Review statutes and applicable cases with supervising attorney.
 2. Research particular new areas of law with supervising attorney.

OBJECTIVE II Gain familiarity and competency in pre-trial/hearing skills:

- METHODS** Observe and participate, under supervision, in pre-trial and pre-hearing activities such as:
- A. Review file/GAL, DCF reports/attorney prep forms
 - B. Prepare GAL for court testimony
 - C. Advise Gals and case coordinators of necessary information
 - D. Prepare motions/notices of hearings
 - E. Respond to discovery requests

OBJECTIVE III Observe and participate in hearing/trial activities:

- METHODS**
1. Attend depositions and staffings
 2. Prepare pre-trial stipulations
 3. Anticipate possible evidentiary problems and prepare responses
 4. Attend hearings/trials and represent GAL
 5. Prepare post-hearing/trial documents

OBJECTIVE IV Obtain necessary skills and proficiency drafting legal documents

METHODS Draft under supervision, pleadings such as:

- A. Original petitions (dependency and termination of parental rights)
- B. Motions
- C. Orders
- D. Responses
- E. Legal memoranda

OBJECTIVE V Obtain necessary skills and proficiency in drafting legal documents to the appellate court

METHODS 1. Gain a working knowledge of appellate procedure process

2. Draft, under supervision, pleadings such as:

- A. Notice of Appearance
- B. Motions
- C. Responses
- D. Notice of Joinder
- E. Notice of Waiver
- F. Briefs

OBJECTIVE VI Maintain awareness of process in the externship program.

METHODS 1. Make regular entries in journals, and regularly discuss progress with supervising attorneys and faculty supervisor

2. Complete periodic reports and final paper analyzing externship