

## Helpful Regulations

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| <b>Alabama</b>    |             |                                                                                                                                                       | <u>GAL</u> : Ala. Code §26-17-17(c)                                                              |                                                            |                                                                                                                                        |                                                                   |
| <b>Alaska</b>     |             |                                                                                                                                                       | <u>Atty.</u> : AS 25.24.310(b)<br><u>GAL</u> : AS 25.24.310(c)                                   |                                                            |                                                                                                                                        |                                                                   |
| <b>Arizona</b>    |             |                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                  |                                                            |                                                                                                                                        |                                                                   |
| <b>Arkansas</b>   |             | <u>Atty. ad Litem</u> :<br>ACA §9-27-316(f)(2)-(5), Sup. Ct. Admin. Order 15 §§2, 5<br><u>CASA</u> : ACA §9-27-316(g)(3)-(5)                          | <u>Atty. ad Litem</u> : A.C.A. §§9-13-101(d)(4)-(7), 9-13-106(d)-(g)                             | <u>CASA</u> : ACA §9-27-316(g)(6)                          | <u>Atty.</u> : Sup. Ct. Admin. Order 15 §4<br><u>Atty. ad Litem</u> : Sup. Ct. Admin. Order 15 §1<br><u>CASA</u> : ACA §9-27-316(g)(2) |                                                                   |
| <b>California</b> |             | <u>Atty.</u> : West's Ann. Cal. Fam. Code §§ 3151, 3151.5                                                                                             | <u>Atty.</u> : West's Ann. Cal. Fam. Code §7863<br><u>GAL</u> : West's Ann. Cal. Fam. Code §3153 |                                                            |                                                                                                                                        |                                                                   |
| <b>Colorado</b>   |             | <u>Atty.</u> : C.R.S.A. §14-10-116(2)(a)<br><u>CASA</u> : C.R.S.A. §§ 14-10-116(2)(b), 19-1-208 to 19-1-211<br><u>GAL</u> : C.R.S.A. §19-1-111(3)-(6) | <u>Atty./CASA</u> : C.R.S.A. §14-10-116(3)                                                       | <u>CASA</u> : C.R.S.A. §19-1-212 (see §13-21-115.5 (4)(a)) | <u>CASA</u> : C.R.S.A. §§ 19-1-204, 19-1-205                                                                                           | <u>CASA</u> : C.R.S.A. §§19-1-206 (appoint), 19-1-207 (restrict.) |

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| <b>Connecticut</b> |                             | <u>Atty./GAL</u> :<br>C.G.S.A.<br>§46b-129a(2)                                                                                                                          | <u>Atty.</u> : C.G.S.A. §46b-62<br><u>Atty./GAL</u> : C.G.S.A.<br>§46b-129a(2)      |                                             |                                          |       |
| <b>Delaware</b>    |                             | <u>GAL</u> : 29 Del. C.<br>§§ 9002A(12),<br>9007A(c)                                                                                                                    |                                                                                     |                                             |                                          |       |
| <b>D.C.</b>        |                             |                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                     |                                             |                                          |       |
| <b>Florida</b>     | <u>GAL</u> : F.S.A. §39.820 | <u>GAL</u> : F.S.A. §§<br>39.822(3), 61.403                                                                                                                             | F.S.A. §39.822(2)                                                                   | <u>GAL</u> : F.S.A. §§<br>39.822(1), 61.405 | <u>GAL</u> : F.S.A. §§<br>39.821, 61.402 |       |
| <b>Georgia</b>     |                             |                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                     | <u>GAL</u> : 2003 GA<br>HB 264(SN)          |                                          |       |
| <b>Hawaii</b>      |                             |                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                     |                                             |                                          |       |
| <b>Idaho</b>       |                             | <u>Atty.</u> : I.C. §16-1618(b)<br><u>GAL</u> : I.C. §§16-1631-1632                                                                                                     | <u>Atty.</u> : I.C. §16-1618(c)                                                     | <u>GAL</u> : I.C. §16-1633                  |                                          |       |
| <b>Illinois</b>    |                             | <u>CASA</u> : 705 ILCS<br>405/2-17.1(1)-(2)<br><u>Misc.</u> : 750 ILCS<br>5/506(a), 19th<br>Judicial Cir. Ct.<br>Rule 11.04, 16th<br>Judicial Circuit Ct.<br>Rule 15.25 | <u>CASA</u> : 705 ILCS<br>405/2-17.1(3), (5)<br><u>Misc.</u> : 750 ILCS<br>5/506(b) | <u>CASA</u> : 705 ILCS<br>405/2-17.1(8)     |                                          |       |

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| <b>Indiana</b>   |                                                                                                               | <u>CASA/GAL</u> : I.C. 31-17-6-3 to 31-17-6-5, 31-32-3-6 & 31-32-3-7                                                                 | <u>Atty.</u> : I.C. 31-32-4-4<br><u>CASA/GAL</u> : I.C. 31-17-6-9, 31-32-3-9, 31-40-3-1, 31-40-3-2        | <u>CASA/GAL</u> : I.C. 31-17-6-8, 31-32-3-10                                              | <u>CASA/GAL</u> : I.C. 31-17-6-2, 31-32-3-2 to 31-32-3-5,  | <u>CASA/GAL</u> : I.C. 31-32-3-8 |
| <b>Iowa</b>      | I.C.A. §232.2(6) (child in need of assistance);§232.2(20) (family in need of assistance); §232.2(22)(a) (GAL) | <u>Atty. &amp; GAL</u> : I.C.A. §232.89(4)<br><u>CASA</u> : I.C.A. §§ 232.89(5),232.126<br><u>GAL</u> : I.C.A. §§ 232.2(b),600A.6(2) | <u>Atty.</u> : I.C.A. §598.12(3)<br><u>GAL</u> : I.C.A. §§ 232.71C(3), 232.89(3), 232.141(2)&(3)(c)       |                                                                                           | <u>GAL</u> : I.C.A. §600A(9) (in term. of parental rights) |                                  |
| <b>Kansas</b>    | K.S.A. §38-1502 (child in need ?)                                                                             | <u>GAL</u> : KS Sup. Ct. Rules GAL Guidelines                                                                                        | <u>Atty./GAL</u> : K.S.A. §38-1505(e)<br><u>GAL</u> : §38-1122                                            | <u>CASA</u> : K.S.A. §38-1505a(b)                                                         |                                                            |                                  |
| <b>Kentucky</b>  | <u>CASA</u> : K.R.S. §620.500                                                                                 | <u>Atty./GAL</u> : JFRP Appendix<br><u>CASA</u> : K.R.S. §620.525                                                                    | <u>Atty.</u> : §620.100(1)(a) & §645.060(3)<br><u>GAL</u> : K.R.S. §625.041(2)                            |                                                                                           | <u>CASA</u> : K.R.S. §620.515                              |                                  |
| <b>Louisiana</b> | LSA-Ch. C. Art. 606 (child in need of care)                                                                   | <u>CASA</u> : LSA-Ch. C. Art. 424.3                                                                                                  | <u>Atty.</u> : LSA-R.S. 9:345(F); Gen. Admin. Rules Part G §9; LSA-Ch. C. Arts. 607(B), 1137(B)           | <u>CASA</u> : LSA-Ch. C. Art. 424.10                                                      |                                                            |                                  |
| <b>Maine</b>     | 22 M.R.S.A. §4002(3) (child protection proceeding)                                                            | <u>GAL</u> : 19-A M.R.S.A. §1507(3)-(4);22 M.R.S.A. §§4005(1)(B)-(E); ME R GAL Rules App. A                                          | <u>Atty.</u> : 22 M.R.S.A. §4005(1)(F)<br><u>GAL</u> : 18-A M.R.S.A. §9-204(c)(1); 19-A M.R.S.A. §1507(7) | <u>CASA</u> : 4 M.R.S.A. §1506<br><u>GAL</u> : 22 M.R.S.A. §4005 (1)(G);ME R GAL Rule III |                                                            |                                  |

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| <b>Maryland</b>      | MD Code CJC §3-801(f) (child in need of assistance)                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                 | <u>Atty.</u> : MD Code CJC §3-813(f); MD Code Family Law §1-202(2)                                                                                                       | <u>CASA</u> : MD Code CJC §3-830(d) |                                                              |       |
| <b>Massachusetts</b> |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                 | <u>GAL</u> : M.G.L.A. 215 §§56A, 56B, 231, 85P ½ (d)(4)                                                                                                                  |                                     |                                                              |       |
| <b>Michigan</b>      | M.C.L.A. 712A.13a: (1)(b) - Atty.;(1)(e) – GAL; (1)(f) - Lawyer-GAL (LGAL)                                                            | <u>LGAL</u> : M.C.L.A. 712A.17d                                                                                                                                 | <u>GAL</u> : MCR 3.204(D)<br><u>LGAL</u> : M.C.L.A. 700.5213(5)(b), 712A.17c(8),722.24(4)                                                                                |                                     | <u>GAL</u> :M.C.L.A. 712A.13a(1)(e)                          |       |
| <b>Minnesota</b>     | Juv. Protection Proc. Rule 2.01(k) (juvenile protection matter); M.S.A. §260C.007 Subdiv. 6 (child in need of protection or services) | <u>GAL</u> : M.S.A. §§ 260C.163 Subdiv. 5(b) & 518.165 Subdiv. 2a; Juv. Protection Proc. Rules 26.04 & 38.05; GAL Guidelines <sup>1</sup> Rules 908.01 & 908.02 | <u>Atty.</u> :M.S.A. §260C.212 Subdiv.1(d), 4(c)(1), & 4(c)(4); Juv. Protection Proc. Rule 25.03<br><u>GAL</u> : M.S.A. §518.165 Subdiv. 3 & Juv. Prot. Proc. Rule 26.05 |                                     | <u>GAL</u> : GAL Guidelines Rules 902, 910.01 to 910.03, 911 |       |
| <b>Mississippi</b>   |                                                                                                                                       | <u>GAL</u> : Miss. Code Ann. §43-21-121(3)                                                                                                                      | <u>Atty.</u> : Miss. Code Ann. §43-21-619(1)<br><u>GAL</u> : Miss. Code Ann. §43-21-121(6), §93-17-8(1)(b), §97-5-42(3)                                                  |                                     | <u>GAL</u> : Miss. Code Ann. §43-21-121(4)                   |       |

<sup>1</sup> 51 M.S.A., Guardian Ad Litem (General Rules of Practice for Dist. Cts.).

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| <b>Missouri</b> |             | <u>GAL</u> : V.A.M.S.<br>210.160(6),<br>211.462(3),<br>452.423(2) | <u>CASA</u> : V.A.M.S.<br>210.160(5), 452.423(5)<br><u>GAL</u> : V.A.M.S.<br>210.160(4), 210.842,<br>211.462(4), 452.423(4)                                                                                                                                                               |                                            | <u>GAL</u> : V.A.M.S.<br>210.160(6)                  |       |
| <b>Montana</b>  |             | <u>GAL</u> : MCA<br>40-4-205(2),<br>41-3-112(2)                   | <u>GAL</u> : MCA<br>3-5-901(1)(e)(iv),<br>40-4-205(4),<br>40-6-119(2),<br>41-3-112(1)                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                            |                                                      |       |
| <b>Nebraska</b> |             | <u>CASA</u> : Neb. Rev.<br>St. §43-3711                           | <u>Atty.</u> : Neb. Rev. St. §§<br>42-358(1), 43-1505(2)<br><u>CASA</u> : Neb. Rev. St.<br>§43-3711(1)                                                                                                                                                                                    | <u>CASA</u> : Neb. Rev.<br>St.<br>§43-3711 | <u>CASA</u> : Neb. Rev.<br>St. §§43-3708,<br>43-3709 |       |
| <b>Nevada</b>   |             | <u>GAL</u> : N.R.S.<br>432B.500(3)<br>(protective custody)        | <u>Atty.</u> : N.R.S.<br>128.100(3) (TPR),<br>150.060(5) (probate),<br>432B.420(3)<br>(abuse/neglect)<br><u>Atty. for Indian Child</u> :<br>N.R.S. 128.023(2)(c)<br><u>GAL</u> : N.R.S. 126.171<br>(paternity),<br>432B.420(3)<br>(abuse/neglect),<br>432B.500(2) (protective<br>custody) |                                            | <u>GAL</u> : N.R.S.<br>432B.505                      |       |

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| <b>New Hampshire</b>  |                                                                                                                                                    | <u>GAL</u> : GAL Guidelines 1, 3-5, & 8;<br>GAL Practice §§ 2.3, 2.4.1(a), 2.4.2, 2.4.3, 2.4.5, & 2.5.1 | <u>GAL</u> : N.H. Rev. Stat. §170-C:13 (TPR), §458:17-a, II-a & §458:17-b, -e (divorce), GAL Guidelines 2, 6-7, 9, & 14; GAL Practice §2.4.4                         |                                                            | <u>Atty. &amp; GAL</u> : Abuse & Neglect Cases Guideline 12; GAL Practice §2.4.1(b) |       |
| <b>New Jersey</b>     | N.J.S.A. 3B:12-69 (standby guardian); N.J.S.A. 9:3-38(e) (GAL-adoption); N.J.S.A. 9:6-8.21(d) (A/N-law guardian); N.J.S.A. 9:6-8.21(e) (A/N-Atty.) | <u>Atty.</u> : NJ R. Ch. Div. Fam. Pt. R. 5:8B (custody)                                                | <u>Atty.</u> : NJ R. Ch. Div. Fam. Pt. R. 5:8A & 5:8B (custody)<br><u>Atty. &amp; GAL</u> : N.J.S.A. 9:2-4(c) (custody)<br><u>GAL</u> : N.J.S.A. 9:17-54 (paternity) | N.J.S.A. 9:6-8.23 (amend. proposed for GAL & law-guardian) | <u>Atty.</u> : NJ R. Ch. Div. Fam. Pt. R. 5:8A & 5:8B (custody)                     |       |
| <b>New Mexico</b>     |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                         | <u>GAL</u> : N.M.S.A §40-4-8(A)                                                                                                                                      |                                                            | <u>GAL</u> : N.M.S.A §40-4-8(A)                                                     |       |
| <b>New York</b>       | <u>Atty./LG</u> : McKinney's §242                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                         | <u>Atty./LG</u> :McKinney's §245                                                                                                                                     |                                                            |                                                                                     |       |
| <b>North Carolina</b> |                                                                                                                                                    | <u>GAL</u> : N.C.G.S.A. §§ 7B-601; 35A-1379                                                             | <u>GAL</u> : N.C.G.S.A. §7B-603                                                                                                                                      | <u>GAL</u> :N.C.G.S.A. §7B-1204                            |                                                                                     |       |
| <b>North Dakota</b>   |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                         | <u>GAL</u> : N.D.C.C. §§ 14-07.1-05.1, 14-09-06.4                                                                                                                    | <u>GAL</u> : N.D.C.C. §14-09-06.4                          | <u>GAL</u> : N.D.R.Ct. 8.7(a)-(b)                                                   |       |

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| <b>Ohio</b>         |                                                 | <u>GAL</u> : R.C. §2151.281(I); Cuyahoga Cty. Common Pleas Domestic Relations (CCCPDR) Rule 35(H); Summit Cty. Juv. Ct. (SCJC) Rule 22.05                                              | <u>Atty./GAL</u> : Juv. R. Rule 4(G)<br><u>GAL</u> : CCCPDR Rule 35(E); SCJC Rule 22.11-22.12                                                     |                                             | <u>GAL</u> : R.C. §§2151.281(H), (J); CCCPDR Rule 35(B)                             |       |
| <b>Oklahoma</b>     | 10 Okl. St. Ann. §7001-1.3(14) (deprived child) | <u>Atty.</u> : 10 Okl. St. Ann. §7003-3.7 (A)(2)(c)<br><u>CASA</u> : 10 Okl. St. Ann. §7003-3.7(C)(3)<br><u>GAL</u> : 10 Okl. St. Ann. §7003-3.7 (B)(4), 43 Okl. St. Ann. §107.3(A)(2) | <u>Atty.</u> : 10 Okl. St. Ann. §7003-3.7(A)(3),<br><u>CASA</u> : 10 Okl. St. Ann. §7003-3.7 (C)(4)<br><u>GAL</u> : 43 Okl. St. Ann. §107.3(A)(3) | <u>CASA</u> : 10 Okl. St. Ann. §7003-3.7(D) | <u>Atty.</u> : 10 Okl. St. Ann. §1211(F)<br><u>CASA</u> : 10 Okl. St. Ann. §1211(G) |       |
| <b>Oregon</b>       |                                                 | <u>CASA</u> : O.R.S. §419A.170(2),(9)                                                                                                                                                  | <u>Atty.</u> : O.R.S. §107.425(6);<br><u>CASA</u> : O.R.S. §419A.170(1),(6)                                                                       | <u>CASA</u> : O.R.S. §419A.170(4),(5)       |                                                                                     |       |
| <b>Pennsylvania</b> | 42 Pa.C.S.A. §6302 (“dependent”)                | <u>GAL</u> : 42 Pa.C.S.A. §6311(b)                                                                                                                                                     | <u>Atty.</u> : 23 Pa.C.S.A. §2313(b)                                                                                                              |                                             | <u>Atty.</u> : Pa. Phila. Co. Family Div. R. 1915.11(a)(1)                          |       |

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| <b>Rhode Island</b>   |             |                                                                    |                                                                                                 | <u>CASA</u> : Gen. Laws 1956, §42-73-11                                        |                                   |       |
| <b>South Carolina</b> |             | <u>GAL</u> : Code 1976 §§ 20-7-122, 20-7-124, 20-7-1549, 20-7-1551 | <u>Atty./GAL</u> : Rule 41, SCRFC (abuse or neglect cases)<br><u>GAL</u> : Code 1976 §20-7-1553 |                                                                                | <u>GAL</u> : Code 1976 §20-7-1547 |       |
| <b>South Dakota</b>   |             |                                                                    | <u>Atty.</u> : S.D.C.L. §§ 25-4-45.4, 25-4A-15, 26-7A-31<br><u>GAL</u> : S.D.C.L. §15-6-17(c)   |                                                                                |                                   |       |
| <b>Tennessee</b>      |             | <u>CASA</u> : T.C.A. §37-1-149(b)(2)                               | <u>Atty.</u> : T.C.A. §37-1-150(a)(2)<br><u>GAL</u> : T.C.A. §§37-1-150(a)(3), 36-4-132(b)      | <u>CASA/GAL</u> : T.C.A. §37-1-149(b)(3)<br><u>GAL</u> : : T.C.A. §36-4-132(c) |                                   |       |

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| <b>Texas</b>    | V.T.C.A. Family Code §107.001 | <u>Amicus Atty. (AA):</u><br>V.T.C.A. Family Code 107.005<br><u>Atty. ad Litem (AAL):</u> V.T.C.A. Family Code 107.004, 107.008<br><u>AA &amp; AAL:</u> V.T.C.A. Family Code 107.003<br><u>GAL:</u> V.T.C.A. Family Code 107.002 | <u>Atty. ad Litem:</u><br>V.T.C.A. Family Code §107.015<br><u>AA/AAL/GAL:</u><br>V.T.C.A. Family Code §107.023 | <u>AA/AAL/GAL:</u><br>V.T.C.A. Family Code §107.009                                                   |                |       |
| <b>Utah</b>     |                               | <u>Atty. GAL:</u> U.C.A. §78-7-45(3)<br><u>GAL:</u> U.C.A. §78-3a-912(1)                                                                                                                                                         | <u>Atty. GAL:</u> U.C.A. §§ 78-3a-912(6), 78-7-9(5)-(6), 78-7-45(2)                                            | <u>Atty. GAL:</u><br>U.C.A. §§78-3a-912(7), 78-7-9(7), 78-7-45(5)<br><u>GAL:</u> U.C.A. §30-3-10.8(2) |                |       |
| <b>Vermont</b>  |                               | <u>GAL:</u> Vt. R. Fam. P. Rule 7                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                |                                                                                                       |                |       |
| <b>Virginia</b> |                               | <u>CASA:</u> Va. Code Ann. §9.1-153<br><u>GAL:</u> Va. Code Ann. §16.1-266.1                                                                                                                                                     | <u>Atty.:</u> Va. Code Ann. §16.1-267(A)                                                                       |                                                                                                       |                |       |

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| <b>Washington</b>    |                                                                                    | <u>GAL</u> : R.C.W.A. §§ 13.34.100(5), 13.34.105(1), 26.12.175(1)(b)                 | <u>Atty.</u> : R.C.W.A. §§ 26.09.110, 26.10.070<br><u>GAL</u> : R.C.W.A. §§ 13.34.108, 26.12.183, 26.12.175(1)(d) | <u>GAL</u> : R.C.W.A. §13.34.105(2) | <u>GAL</u> : R.C.W.A. §§13.34.102(1), 26.12.177                                           |       |
| <b>West Virginia</b> |                                                                                    |                                                                                      |                                                                                                                   |                                     |                                                                                           |       |
| <b>Wisconsin</b>     | W.S.A. 48.13 (child in need of protection or services); W.S.A. 48.23(1g) (counsel) | <u>CASA</u> : W.S.A. 48.236(3)-(4)<br><u>GAL</u> : W.S.A. 48.235(3)-(4) & 767.045(4) | <u>Atty.</u> : W.S.A. 48.23(4)<br><u>GAL</u> : W.S.A. 48.235(8), 757.48(1)(b)-(3), 767.045(6)                     | <u>CASA</u> : W.S.A. 48.236(5)      | <u>CASA</u> : W.S.A. 48.236(2)<br><u>GAL</u> : W.S.A. 48.235(2), 757.48(1)(a), 767.045(3) |       |
| <b>Wyoming</b>       |                                                                                    |                                                                                      | <u>GAL</u> : W.S.1977 §20-7-101(a)                                                                                |                                     |                                                                                           |       |