

GUARDIAN AD LITEM FAMILY LAW RESOURCES

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Guardian ad Litem Practice Guidelines

Guardians ad Litem have an important role in deciding the best interest of the child or children in family court proceedings. Because of the importance of this role, Guardians ad Litem are subject to a strict code of guidelines that they should follow. To access those guidelines, click [here](#).

Domestic Abuse Guidebook for Wisconsin Guardians ad Litem

There are sometimes instances when Guardians ad Litem are working in a familial situation where domestic abuse is present. In order to make the decision that is in the best interest of the children, it is important that a Guardian ad Litem understand the unique issues and dynamics surrounding domestic abuse. End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin and the Governor's Council on Domestic Abuse have created a guidebook to better help Guardians ad Litem understand domestic abuse, which is available [here](#).

Wisconsin Law Library

The Wisconsin Law Library has a section pertaining to Guardians ad Litem which includes applicable statutes, guides about appointing a Guardian ad Litem and what a Guardian ad Litem does; and forms for guardianship, rules for Guardians ad Litem and petition for a Guardian ad Litem. To access this section of the Wisconsin Law Library, click [here](#).

Domestic Abuse for GALs in Family Law Cases

The June 2018 issue of *Coalition Chronicles*, a monthly newsletter published by End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin, includes an [article](#) on the SAFeR framework for helping GALs make informed decisions when assessing court cases with inter-partner violence. This framework was developed by the Battered Women's Justice Project, and it includes material and practice guides informed by numerous experts on inter-partner violence, including battered and battering parents from all over the world.