IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI FAMILY COURT DIVISION

IN RE: Guardian ad Litem Appointments ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: 13-02-(OGAL)

ORDER

Now on this ______ day of January, 2013, it is hereby ordered that Katherine Rodgers, Director of the Office of Guardian ad litem, shall be appointed as the guardian ad litem for the juvenile at the time an ex parte order of protection is issued, in all new matters filed pursuant to Section 211.031.1 RSMo. Katherine Rodgers may further delegate her responsibilities to attorneys within the Office of the Guardian ad litem as required. If said cases are reassigned to other OGAL attorneys, that assigned attorney shall enter his/her appearance at least five days prior to the hearing.

The Office of Guardian ad litem shall promptly advise the Court if the office has a conflict of interest or it appears that another guardian ad litem, such as an attorney for the CASA Project, would be more appropriate. In those cases where the Court appoints a subsequent Guardian ad litem for the juvenile, the Office of the Guardian ad litem is granted leave to withdraw without further order of the Court.

It is further order that Administrative Order 02-09 is hereby set aside and held for naught.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

JUSTINE E. DEL MURO ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE FAMILY COURT DIVISION

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