

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

IN RE: Guardian ad litem Appointments  
in Adoption Actions

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: 20-08

**ORDER**

Now, on this 22nd day of June, 2020, pursuant to 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Local Rule 6.2.5, it is hereby ordered that the appointment of Guardians ad litem in non-Chapter 211 Family Court adoption actions shall be made alternating from the following list:

Cheri Cole Simpkins  
Ryan Kaiser  
Mary Kay O'Malley  
Sharlie Pender  
James Waits  
Michael Mann  
Londa Shabazz  
Samantha Sader  
Lori Burns-Bucklew

Appointed Guardians ad litem shall be familiar with, and fully comply with, the current Administrative Orders governing adoption procedures and Guardian ad litem standards/training.

In every cause not docketed within thirty days of filing, Petitioners' counsel shall, prior to the end of such thirty day period, request that Family Court Records appoint a guardian who shall be appointed at random from the list of guardians in this Order.

Further, when the Court grants a request for a special setting for temporary adoption, or other special setting, in a non-211 case, Petitioners shall request that Family Court Records appoint a guardian from this list.

It is ordered that Administrative Order 18-05 be set aside and held for naught.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



JALIL AROTTO  
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE  
FAMILY COURT DIVISION

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