

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

IN RE: Guardian ad Litem Appointments  
(CASA and OGAL)

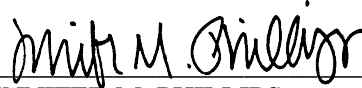
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: 24-01

**ORDER**

Now on this 6th day of May, 2024, it is hereby ordered that, effective June 1st, 2024, the Director of Legal Services for Jackson County Court Appointed Special Advocates (“CASA”) 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. The Director of Legal Services for Jackson County CASA may further delegate their responsibilities to attorneys within Jackson County CASA as required. If said cases are reassigned to other CASA attorneys, that assigned attorney shall enter their appearance at least five (5) days prior to the hearing. Jackson County CASA shall promptly advise the Court if Jackson County CASA has a conflict of interest or it appears that another Guardian ad Litem, such as an attorney for the Office of the Guardian ad Litem, would be more appropriate. In those cases where the Court appoints a subsequent Guardian ad Litem for the juvenile, Jackson County CASA is granted leave to withdraw without further order of the Court.

It is further ordered that Administrative Order 23-02 shall hereby be set aside and held for naught once this order becomes effective on June 1, 2024.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



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JENNIFER M. PHILLIPS  
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE, DIVISION 12  
FAMILY COURT DIVISION

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