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

IN RE: Guardian ad litem Appointments in Adoption Actions ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: 24-03

## <u>ORDER</u>

Now, on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024, pursuant to 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court 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 Sharlie Pender James Waits Londa Shabazz 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 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 23-06 be set aside and held for naught.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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JENNIFER M. PHILLIPS ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE FAMILY COURT DIVISION

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