

CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI FAMILY COURT DIVISION 625 EAST 26TH STREET KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64108-2719

POLICY & PROCEDURE

<u>Issued by</u>: Director of Office of the Guardian ad Litem – Family Court

<u>Topic</u>: Policy No. 1030-19 -- <u>Collateral Legal Issues</u>

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POLICY:

The purpose of this policy is to address collateral legal issues of juveniles.

PROCEDURE:

- A. In the course of representing a child in a dependency-neglect case, the child may have other legal issues not relating to their dependency case. Such cases may be inappropriate for the Office of the Guardian ad Litem (OGAL) to handle or would be outside the scope of OGAL's representation. Examples include a child involved in a car accident, or an estate property issue. In such cases, OGAL shall:
 - 1. Inform the Director of the nature of the legal matter, the parties involved, and any recommendations for resolution of such matters.
 - 2. The assigned attorney and the Director shall make a referral to appropriate outside counsel to the extent allowed by COR7.

<u>REVISIONS</u>: The proponent for this policy is the Director of the Office of Guardian ad Litem. If you have recommended changes or want to report errors, send your suggestions to the Director of Guardian ad Litem, Family Justice Center, 625 East 26th Street, Kansas City, MO 64108.

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REVIEW DATE: July 1, 2019

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Director of Office of the Guardian ad Litem-Family Court

APPLICABLE STANDARDS:

None

CC: Deputy Court Administrator – Family Court Division