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No. SO-2015-00002

IN RE: § IN THE PROBATE COURT  
GUARDIANSHIP AD LITEM §  
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT § OF  
AS MANDATED BY TEXAS §  
ESTATES CODE §1054.201 § DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS

**STANDING ORDER IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS ESTATES CODE §1054.201**  
**ATTACH CERTIFICATION LETTER TO GUARDIANSHIP APPLICATIONS**

ON THIS DAY, the Court considered in chambers the method by which the Court will verify compliance with Texas Estates Code §1054.201:

1. The Court requires all attorneys filing Applications for Guardianship and Counter-Applications for Guardianship (“Filing Attorneys”) to attach to their initial pleading in each case a copy of the letter the attorney received from the State Bar of Texas acknowledging completion of the four-hour training requirement mandated by Texas Estates Code §1054.201, hereinafter referred to as “Attorney Ad Litem Certificate”.
2. Failure to comply with this order will result in the Denton County Probate Clerks not accepting the pleading for filing.
3. After the Filing Attorney’s initial Application for Guardianship has been filed with the proper Attorney Ad Litem Certificate letter attached, it is not necessary for the Filing Attorney to attach the Attorney Ad Litem Certificate to amended applications or other pleadings. On or before the expiration of the Filing Attorney’s Ad Litem Certificate, the Filing Attorney shall supplement the Application for Guardianship and file with the Denton County Clerk an updated and current Attorney Ad Litem Certificate in each case in which the Filing Attorney has appeared as counsel for an Applicant for guardianship.
4. Failure to comply with this Order will result in the Probate Court Coordinator not setting the matter on the Court’s docket.
5. This Order shall become effective on September 1, 2015.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that in all Applications for Guardianship and Counter-Applications for Guardianship cases filed on or after September 1, 2015, the Filing Attorney shall attach to the Application and file with the Denton County Clerk a current Attorney Ad Litem Certificate.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that on or before the expiration of the Filing Attorney’s Ad Litem Certificate, the Filing Attorney shall file with the Denton County Clerk an updated and current Attorney Ad Litem Certificate in each case in which the Filing Attorney has appeared as counsel for an Applicant for Guardianship.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order is effective as of September 1, 2015.

Signed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2015.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bonnie Robison", is written over a horizontal line.

Bonnie Robison, Judge  
Probate Court  
Denton County, Texas