

Your Rights When a GAL is Appointed to Your Case

The Order Appointing Guardian ad Litem outlines the duties of the Guardian ad Litem.

As the parent/guardian, you have the following rights:

- To have the best interests of your child(ren) represented
- To provide the Guardian ad Litem information about your case
- To be treated with respect
- To not submit to any tests, assessments, evaluations, treatment or education unless ordered by the court order following notice and opportunity to be heard
- To have your privacy maintained (except as necessary in reports to the court and/or as provided by rule)
- To have an investigation completed timely
- To be provided monthly records of the Guardian ad Litem's time and expenses
- To receive a copy of all reports filed by the Guardian ad Litem
- To obtain copies of the Guardian ad Litem's file (costs may be imposed for such requests)

Complete Superior Court Guardian ad Litem rules (GALR) may be found at:

https://www.courts.wa.gov/court_rules/?fa=court_rules.list&group=sup&set=GALR

Procedures for filing a Guardian ad Litem grievance/complaint may be found in Thurston County Local Guardian ad Litem Rules (LGALR) at:

<http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/fjc/documents/local-court-rules/LGALR-7.pdf>