

# THE BASICS OF GAL REPRESENTATION IN FAMILY COURTS



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## Event Overview

<b>DATE</b>	February 24, 2023
<b>LOCATION</b>	The Center at Restore 2475 Boardwalk Street, Suite 105 Norman, OK 73069
<b>CLE CREDIT</b>	This course has been approved by the Oklahoma Bar Association Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Commission for 7 hours of CLE credit and also qualifies for 1 hour of domestic violence training required by 43 O.S. §120.7(D).

## Agenda

<b>Start Time</b>	<b>End Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Registration
9:00 AM	9:50 AM	<b>What is a GAL and How Did We Get Here?</b>  Explore the history of creation of guardians ad litem in the law.  Presented by Sharon Wigdor Byers, Executive Director, Oklahoma Guardian Ad Litem Institute
9:50 AM	10:00 AM	Break
10:00 AM	10:50 AM	<b>Statutes and Case Law Relating to Appointments and Duties of a GAL in Family Courts</b>  A walk-through of case law and all Title 43 statutes relating to guardians ad litem.  Presented by Sharon Wigdor Byers, Executive Director, Oklahoma Guardian Ad Litem Institute
10:50 AM	11:00 AM	Break
11:00 AM	11:50 AM	<b>What Gives You the Authority?</b>  Learn about what is important and vital in the order appointing you as GAL.  Presented by Reagan Barham, Attorney at Law
11:50 AM	1:00 PM	Lunch - Included in registration
1:00 PM	1:50 PM	<b>You Have Been Appointed as GAL - Now What?</b>  A checklist of things you need to do once you have been appointed as GAL.  Presented by Michelle Greene, Attorney at Law
1:50 PM	2:00 PM	Break

2:00 PM	2:50 PM	<p><b>Statutes Relating to Domestic Violence</b></p> <p>Knowledge and investigation into domestic violence is a necessary part of all GAL investigations because the law says so.</p> <p>Presented by Sharon Wigdor Byers, Executive Director, Oklahoma Guardian Ad Litem Institute</p>
2:50 PM	3:00 PM	Break
3:00 PM	3:50 PM	<p><b>Conducting Interviews</b></p> <p>Who should you interview in the course of your investigation, when, where, and why.</p> <p>Presented by Michelle Smith, Attorney at Law, President, Oklahoma Guardian Ad Litem Institute</p>
3:50 PM	4:00 PM	Break
4:00 PM	4:50 PM	<p><b>Writing and Presenting Effective and Helpful Reports</b></p> <p>What is helpful, effective and necessary in GAL reports, including different forms of reports.</p> <p>Presented by Michelle Greene, Attorney at Law</p>
4:50 PM		<b>Adjourn! Thank you for attending!</b>