

APPENDIX D
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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Petitioner,)	
)	
vs.)	No.
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Respondent.)	

Order Appointing Limited Guardian Ad Litem

The Court FINDS as follows:

1. The parties have represented to the Court that allocation of parental decision-making authority / parenting time regarding the minor child(ren) is in dispute;
2. The parties have attempted mediation without a successful outcome or for good cause shown both parties have requested a waiver of mediation; and
3. The Court finds that it is in the best interests of the minor child or children and would be highly beneficial to the Court that a limited guardian ad litem (LGAL) be appointed to investigate the parties, interview the minor child or children, if appropriate, meet with the parties and their attorneys, and, if requested by the Court, report to the Court their recommendations as to allocation of significant decision making responsibilities and allocation of parenting time.

WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED AND DECREED as follows:

- A. _____ is appointed as the limited guardian ad litem in this cause pursuant to 750 ILCS 5/506 (a)(2);
- B. Petitioner/Respondent/each party is ordered to pay \$_____ directly to the offices of the LGAL within ____ days of the entry of this Order;
Petitioner/Respondent is ordered to pay the LGAL \$_____ within ____ days;
- C. Both parties are directed within seventy-two (72) hours to notify the LGAL of this appointment and provide directly to the LGAL all relevant pleadings and other documentation deemed appropriate to assist the LGAL’s investigation. Copies of any documents transmitted by any party to the LGAL shall be sent to the other party;

- D. Both parties are advised that all meetings and conversations with the LGAL are not confidential and that the LGAL may be called as a witness voluntarily or by subpoena at any allocation trial;
- E. The parties are further advised that if the LGAL is called as a witness, either voluntarily or by subpoena at any custody trial, the party calling the LGAL shall be assessed a reasonable attorney fee at the LGAL's customary rate for any necessary preparation and testimony;
- F. The LGAL's appointment will be vacated after they have issued their report as set forth in the Family Court Protocol, and, if requested, met with the parties. The LGAL shall file the report if requested by the Court; and
- G. This matter is set for status review on _____ at _____ in Courtroom _____.

Dated this _____
day of _____, 20__

Judge