



**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, COUNTY DIVISION**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2024-06

SUBJECT: GUARDIAN AD LITEM FEES IN ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

The fees payable to Court appointed GALs in adoption proceedings in the County Division are hereby increased. In any adoption proceeding where the Interim Order is entered on or after September 30, 2024, the Guardian Ad Litem fees are set forth below and are due and payable as of the date of appointment.

Type of Adoption	GAL only	GAL as investigator
DCFS Adoptions	\$200.00	n/a
• Each additional DCFS child	\$100.00	n/a
Related (non-DCFS)	\$300.00	\$425.00
Agency (including DAFSS)	\$300.00	n/a
International	\$300.00	n/a
Petitioners with Fee Waivers	\$100.00	\$125.00

In contested adoptions, cases where the Court determines there is an unnecessary delay by petitioners in contravention of 750 ILCS 50/20 & 20a, and/or when a home visit is required, the appointed GAL may receive an hourly fee of \$200.00 per hour plus expenses upon application to the Court.

All additional fees and costs must be approved by the assigned calendar judge after the GAL files a motion which explains why the additional fees are necessary with notice to all counsel of record.

Entered this 12th day of September, 2024 and spread upon the records of this Court.

Entered:

ENTERED

Sep. 12, 2024

Iris Y. Martinez
Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Cook County, IL

DEPUTY CLERK

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Maureen Ward Kirby 1974

Judge Maureen Ward Kirby
Acting Presiding Judge, County Division