

**412TH DISTRICT COURT
BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS**

FORM 1

APPLICATION

**ATTORNEY AD LITEM
GUARDIAN AD LITEM
MEDIATOR**

APPLICATION FOR Attorney Ad Litem, Guardian Ad Litem, Mediator

AFFIDAVIT OF LICENSED ATTORNEY

I, _____,
(PRINT name of attorney completing affidavit)

State Bar of Texas Number _____, do hereby file this affidavit in compliance with the Standards and Procedures Related to Appointment of Attorneys Ad Litem, Guardians Ad Litem, and Mediators (the Plan) for the 412th District Court in Brazoria County, Texas (the Court) and do solemnly swear or affirm that the below information is true and correct. Should any change in this information occur, I understand that I must, within thirty (30) days of such change, file an Amended Affidavit with the Court Coordinator of the 412th District Court at the Brazoria County Courthouse in Brazoria County, Texas. I have checked below all applicable provisions and have completed the requested information below with full, complete, and true answers. My contact information is as follows:

Address _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Telephone(s) _____
Facsimile _____
Email _____

I.

INCLUSION TO THE APPOINTMENT LIST

I understand that, as a result of my application, my name **WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION** on the list of persons eligible for court appointments in the Court, and I state, under oath or affirmation that I am **willing, competent, and meet the listed qualifications to handle the following matters:** (Check all that you desire to apply for.)

ATTORNEY AND GUARDIAN AD LITEM

1. **Personal Injury Cases**

Amount in controversy does not exceed \$25,000

Must have at least 5 years prior experience in personal injury litigation and served as lead counsel in at least 3 personal injury cases in preceding 10 years; or have tried to a verdict at least 1 personal injury case in preceding

10 years; or have served as an Attorney Ad Litem or Guardian Ad Litem in the Court for at least 2 times.

- Amount in controversy exceeds \$25,000 but does not exceed \$100,000
Must have at least 8 years prior experience in personal injury litigation and served as lead counsel in at least 5 personal injury cases in preceding 10 years; or have tried to a verdict at least 3 personal injury cases in preceding 10 years; or have served as an Attorney Ad Litem or Guardian Ad Litem in the Court for at least 3 times.
- Amount in controversy exceeds \$100,000
Must be Board Certified in Personal Injury Law; or have at least 10 years of prior experience in personal injury litigation and served as lead counsel in at least 7 personal injury cases; or have tried to a verdict at least 4 personal injury cases within the last 10 years; or have served as an Attorney Ad Litem or Guardian Ad Litem in the Court at least 5 times in the last 10 years.
- 2. **Real Estate including Foreclosures, Trespass to Try Title, and Declaratory Judgments involving real estate.**
Must be Board Certified in Real Estate Law or been licensed to practice law continually for 15 years and have tried to a verdict at least 2 trials in preceding 15 years involving real estate issues or have served as an Attorney Ad Litem or Guardian Ad Litem in the Court at least 3 times in the last 10 years.
- 3. **Trust, Heirship or Estate Related Matters**
Must be Board Certified in Probate, Trust or Estate Law, or have tried to a verdict in the preceding 10 years at least 2 cases involving Trust, Heirship or Estate issues, or have served as Attorney Ad Litem or Guardian Ad Litem in the Court at least 3 times in the last 10 years.
- 4. **Business/Employment/General Litigation**
Must be Board Certified in Civil Trial Law or have tried to a verdict in the preceding 10 years at least 2 cases involving Business, Employment or General Litigation issues, or have served as Attorney Ad Litem or Guardian Ad Litem in the Court at least 3 times in the last 10 years.

MEDIATOR

- Must be a credentialed mediator approved by the Texas Mediator Credentialing Association (TMCA); or, subject to Court approval, a candidate for credentialed mediator; or have been appointed by the Court to serve as a mediator at least 5 times in the preceding 10 years; or is a Senior, Former, or Retired District Judge with at least 10 years' experience on the Bench,

Unless the basis of your qualification for a specific area is based upon prior service as an Attorney Ad Litem, Guardian Ad Litem, or Mediator, or you are a Senior, Former or

Retired District Judge with at least 10 years' experience on the Bench, please identify by category, and list on an attached sheet, the style, cause number, court, and approximate date of the cases that qualify you to handle the categories of representation you have applied for.

II.

EDUCATIONAL AND C.L.E. BACKGROUND

I certify that I have the following educational and Continuing Legal Education background:
(Check all that apply)

BASIC EDUCATION:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> High School Diploma | <input type="checkbox"/> Doctor of Philosophy Degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's Degree | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Doctor Degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law Degree | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Advanced Degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Master's Degree | |

LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW:

- Licensed to Practice Law in Texas by the Texas Supreme Court on (month) _____, (year) _____.
- I am currently a licensed attorney in good standing with the State of Texas and the Texas Supreme Court.
- I am also a licensed attorney in good standing to practice law in the State(s) of _____.
- I have been certified as a specialist by the Board of Legal Specialization of the State of Texas in the following areas of law:

- I have been certified by TMCA as
 - Credentialed Mediator
 - Credentialed Advanced Mediator
 - Credentialed Distinguished Mediator
 - Candidate for a Credentialed Mediator with TMCA
- I am a Senior, Former, or Retired District Judge with at least 10 years' experience on the Bench.

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION:

- I have by actual attendance accrued within the past 12 months (total must equal at least 10 hours);
 - C.L.E. _____. No self study hours have been counted.
 - _____ Personal Injury Trial Law
 - _____ Trust, Probate, and Estate
 - _____ Real Estate Law
 - _____ Business/Employment
 - _____ Mediator
 - _____ hours, not to exceed 10 hours from the preceding calendar year in C.L.E. credits to apply to this year’s requirement.
- My State Bar of Texas minimum Continuing Legal Education Annual Verification form is attached and I have highlighted the required hours.

BAR ASSOCIATION AFFILIATIONS:

- I am a member in good standing of the Brazoria County Bar Association.
- I am a member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas.

III.

LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS

- I certify, under oath, that I am capable of communicating in the following languages:
 - English
 - Spanish
 - Deaf – Sign Language
 - Other: (Specify)_____

IV.

ETHICS AND PRIOR SANCTION HISTORY DISCLOSURE

- I certify, under oath, that I: (Check only those that are true and correct)
 - Have not been sanctioned by the State Bar of Texas for any ethical violation.
For the purposes of this inquiry, “Sanctioned” is defined as disbarment, probation, public Reprimand, suspended, fined, or such other State Bar of Texas sanction that is of public record.

- Have not been found by a trial judge and/or appellate court to have provided ineffective assistance of counsel.
- Will comply with the State Bar Rules for Professional conduct.
- Will comply with The Texas Lawyer’s Creed – A Mandate for Professionalism.
- Will obtain copies and keep myself informed of the local rules of procedure for all courts in Brazoria County, Texas

V.

CERTIFICATION OF KNOWLEDGE OF STANDING RULES FOR PROCEDURES FOR TIMELY AND FAIR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL FOR INDIGENT ACCUSED PERSONS IN BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS

I certify, under oath, that

- I have received, read, and understand the Standards and Procedures Related to Appointment of Counsel for Attorneys Ad Litem, Guardians Ad Litem, and Mediators in the 412th District Court, Brazoria County, Texas dated _____, and will, at all times, fully comply with said Plan, its rules and orders.

I hereby, have been sworn upon oath, depose, state, and certify that the above information is true and correct.

Witness my signature on this the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Affiant

(Print Name)

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Notary Public/Person authorized to administer oaths

Print Name: _____

(SEAL)

Capacity: _____