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Enter the name of the county in which this case is filed.	<b>STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT,</b>  _____ <b>COUNTY</b>	<i>For Official Use</i>
Check marriage or paternity. If paternity, enter initials of child.	<b>In re the</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Marriage</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Paternity of:</b> _____ <b>Petitioner/Joint Petitioner-Wife:</b>	<b>Petition for Appointment of Guardian ad Litem</b>
Enter the name of the petitioner. If joint petitioners, enter the name of the wife.	_____ First name                      Middle name                      Last name <b>and</b>	
Enter the name of the respondent. If joint petitioners, enter the name of the husband.	<b>Respondent/Joint Petitioner-Husband:</b>  _____ First name                      Middle name                      Last name	
Enter the case number.	Case No. _____	

**1. I ask the court to appoint a guardian ad litem (GAL) for one or more of the minor children and believe it is appropriate now because:**

Check A, B or C.

If B, check 1 or 2.

If 2, check a or b.

If a, enter the name of the party who would be caused hardship and enter the reasons why.

If b, check 1, 2, or 3.

If C, enter the reasons why a GAL should be appointed now and not after mediation has been attempted.

- A.  One of the parties in this action believes that the husband in this action is not the father of one or more of the minor children.
  
- B.  There is an ongoing legal custody or physical placement dispute between the parties that will require the appointment of a GAL because:
  - 1.  This matter has been referred to Family Court Counseling Services for mediation and that process has been unsuccessful.
  
  - 2.  I believe that attendance at an initial session of mediation would:
    - a.  Cause undue hardship to \_\_\_\_\_  
because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
    - b.  Endanger the health or safety of one or both of the parties or the minor children because sufficient evidence is available to show that:
      - 1.  A party has engaged in abuse of the minor children, as defined in ch. 948 or sec. 813.122 Wis. Stat.
  
      - 2.  There has been interspousal battery as described under ch. 940 Wis. Stat. or domestic abuse as defined in sec. 813.12 Wis. Stat.
  
      - 3.  One or both parties has/have a significant problem with alcohol or drug abuse.
  
- C.  There is good reason to appoint the GAL now rather than wait until mediation has been completed because: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Enter the name, date of birth [month, day, year], of each child whom you believe needs a GAL appointed on his/her behalf.

**2. The minor children in question include:**

Name of child	Date of birth
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Enter the requested information about the mother in this case.

**3. Mother**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Enter the requested information about the father in this case.

**4. Father**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Check A or B.

If B, enter the date [month, day, year] the GAL was appointed and the name of the GAL.

**5. Current Status**

- A.  A GAL has never been appointed for the minor children in the past.
- B.  A GAL was appointed in the past on \_\_\_\_\_  
 The GAL's name was \_\_\_\_\_

If no objection is filed with the court within 5 days after this request is served on the other party or his/her attorney, I request that the court appoint an attorney admitted to practice law in this state to act as GAL for the minor children. If an objection is filed, I request a hearing be set on this petition.

**If you need help in this matter because of a disability, please call:**

Sign and print your name.

Enter the date on which you signed your name.

**Note:** This signature does not need to be notarized.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print or Type Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date