

How to File a Complaint Against a Dependency-Neglect Attorney Ad Litem

There are two types of Attorneys Ad Litem in Arkansas: (1) Dependency-Neglect (foster care) and (2) Domestic Relations (custody/guardianship). A Dependency-Neglect Attorney Ad Litem is involved in cases of abuse or neglect of a child and the Department of Human Services is involved in the case. If the Department of Human Services is not involved in the case because of neglect or abuse of a child, the Attorney Ad Litem is a Domestic Relations Attorney Ad Litem.

A complaint against a Dependency-Neglect Attorney Ad Litem can be made by completing the attached form and submitting it to:

Janet Bledsoe, Attorney Ad Litem Program Director
Administrative Office of the Courts
625 Marshall St.; Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
janet.bledsoe@arcourts.gov

Complaints about a Domestic Relations Attorney Ad Litem should be addressed with the Judge presiding over the case.

Please make sure that the complaint form is complete and accurate. You may use a separate letter or statement of facts section to explain in your own words the circumstances that led to your complaint. Be as specific as possible in describing names, places, dates and witnesses to support your complaint. List all of the relevant events in the order that they happened. Use additional sheets of paper, if necessary, and attach copies of any documents that support your statements. Please do not include original documents.

Please sign the complaint in the space provided.

The Administrative Office of the Courts is committed to ensuring high quality representation of children in Dependency-Neglect cases. The purpose of an investigation by our office regarding the conduct of an Attorney Ad Litem is to determine whether the attorney represented their client in compliance with the standards set forth by the Arkansas Supreme Court and the Attorney Ad Litem Program. Copies of the complaint and all of the attachments will be provided to the Attorney Ad Litem so that he or she may respond to the allegations in the complaint. No determination on the validity of the complaint will be made until a thorough investigation of the allegations contained in the complaint has been conducted.

If you have additional questions about the Attorney Ad Litem Program or the complaint process, you may contact Janet Bledsoe at the email address above or by phone at 479-650-9727.

Complaint and Request for Investigation Concerning a Dependency-Neglect Attorney Ad

Case Information

Name of the Attorney Ad Litem:

City & County:

Name of the Case:

Docket Number:

Name of Child or Children:

Your Role in the Case:

Witnesses & Supporting Documents

Names and Contact Information of
Other Attorneys Involved:

Names and Contact Information of
Other Persons with Information about
your Complaint:

List Any Documents that You Have
Attached that Help Support Your
Complaint:

List Other Documents that You Believe
Exist that Help Support Your
Complaint:

Statement of Facts

Please state the specific details of what the attorney ad litem did that forms the basis of your complaint. Please type or print legibly. If you need more room, feel free to add a separate page.

Your Information

Name:

Phone:

Address:

Alternate Phone:

Signature:

Date: