



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA  
City of Richmond General District Court  
Civil Division

13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District

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Sandra C. Blount, Clerk

**MEMORANDUM**

**From:** Tracy Thorne-Begland, Chief Judge of the District Court  
**To:** Members of the Bar  
**Date:** June 20, 2018

**RE:** Requested Service as Guardians ad Litem

Dear Member of the Virginia Bar:

In an effort to better serve the public, and in the interests of justice, the Richmond General District Court is seeking assistance from members of the Bar to serve as guardians ad litem in civil cases where a defendant is under a disability pursuant to Virginia Code Section 8.01-9. Guardians will be expected to investigate the matter and report back to the court on any potential defenses relevant to the case. Guardians will be compensated a flat fee of \$125 for their time from funds advanced by plaintiffs in affected cases.

The Clerk of Court will maintain a list of attorneys willing to serve as guardians. Additionally, the clerk will provide procedures and forms necessary for the implementation of this program.

If you are willing to serve as a guardian, please contact Sandra Blount at 804-646-6478.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this important work.

Respectfully,

  
Tracy Thorne-Begland,  
Chief Judge