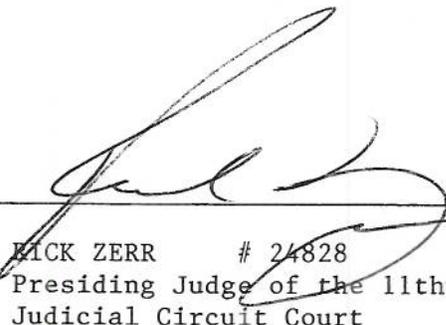


## Implementation Plan for the 11th Judicial Circuit

In recognizing that Missouri children have the right to adequate and effective representation in child welfare cases, the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit provides the following as a plan for implementation of the guardian ad litem Standards.

1. The 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit shall disseminate the standards on its court website and keep a copy posted in each family court division. Each division that addresses family court division matters shall be provided with a copy of the standards for reference when needed.
2. The Family Court Coordinator shall select and the judicial officer of each division shall appoint guardians ad litem for appropriate cases from a list that is developed of qualified attorneys. The list shall be kept by the Family Court Coordinator.
3. The list of approved guardians ad litem shall be maintained by the Family Court Coordinator. Applications of inclusion on then approved list shall be reviewed by the Administrative Judge of the Family Court.
4. Guardian ad litem training may be provided by any qualified entity approved by The Missouri Bar for providing continuing legal education training and shall be accredited by the Judicial Education Committee.
5. An affidavit showing proof of training shall be submitted to the administrator of the family court or the clerk of civil records at the circuit court by guardian ad litem on or before July 31 of each year or as provided by the guardian ad litem standards. This affidavit shall also acknowledge that the guardian ad litem has reviewed the guardian ad litem standards.
6. The local rules and processes have been reviewed, and no modification in either is necessary at the present time to effectively implement this plan.
7. The 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit shall review this plan annually to determine the need for modifications necessary to assure the continued effectiveness of the guardian ad litem Standards.
8. This Implementation Plan was approved by the Judges of the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit, En Banc, at its meeting on 4/4/2011.

So ORDERED this 4th day of April, 2011



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RICK ZERR # 24828  
Presiding Judge of the 11th  
Judicial Circuit Court