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IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE 26th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

In recognizing that Missouri children have the right to adequate and effective representation in child welfare cases, the 26th Judicial Circuit provides the following as a plan for implementation of the guardian ad litem standards.

- 1. The Implementation Plan for the 26th Judicial Circuit shall be published in the local rules for the 26th Judicial Circuit.
- 2. The judicial officer of each division shall select and appoint guardians ad litem for appropriate cases from a list that is developed of qualified attorneys. The list shall be kept and maintained by the clerk of the civil records at the circuit court.
- 3. 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.
- 4. An affidavit showing proof of training shall be submitted to the clerk of the civil records at the circuit court by the 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 and is compliant with the guardian ad litem standards.
- 5. The local rules and processes have been reviewed, and no modification in either is necessary at the present time to effectively implement this plan.
- 6. The 26th Judicial Circuit shall review this plan periodically to determine the need for modifications necessary to assure the continued effectiveness of the guardian ad litem standards.

So Ordered,

Presiding Judge 26th Judicial Circuit

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