

Basic Guardian Ad Litem Training
 September 19, 2024
 Georgia Guardians Ad Litem, Inc.
 7 hours

8:30-9:30	Intros & Role of GAL & investigation process Importance of protocol as GAL: Engagement letter, parent questionnaire	Brandy Daswani	1 hour
9:30-10:30	Rule 24.9, Best Interests of the Child, & updates on the law	Diane Woods	1 hour
10:30-10:45	Break		15 min
10:45-11:15	Utilizing the tools in our toolbox for families; Our Family Wizard and Soberlink	Soberlink and OFW	30 min
11:15-11:45	Filing Motions/Request for emergency hearings / No Ex Parte Communications /child abuse	Debra Finch	30 min
11:45-12:00	Break to get lunch and return to panel		15 min
12:00-1:00	Lunch & Learn: Methods of performing child custody investigations/child elections/parent alienation	PANEL	1 hour
1:00-1:15	Break to dispose of lunch/bathrooms		15 min
1:15-2:15	Ethics of a Guardian Ad Litem (Ethics hour)	Steve Cayton	1 hour
2:15-2:45	Domestic Violence in Custody Cases	Audrey Bergeson	30 min
2:45-3:00	Break to dispose of lunch/bathrooms		15 min
3:00 – 4:00	Dealing with difficult parties; Substance abuse, mental health issues and high conflict parents.	Erik Chambers	1 hour
4:00 - 4:30	Cultural Diversity & Soci-economic differences—be aware of your bias	Tori White	30 min
4:30-5:00	Written Report & Testifying in Court	Amanda Love	30 min