

Basic Guardian Ad Litem Training Agenda

What it Takes to be A Guardian Ad Litem

September 18, 2025 Savannah, GA

9:00 -9:45	Intros & Role of GAL & Investigation Process Tricks, Tips & Basic Checklists	Brandy Daswani, Attorney/GAL
9:45-10:30	Best Interests of the Child Difference between best interests and advocating for the child	Erik Chambers Attorney/GAL
10:30-10:45	Break	N/A
10:45-11:15	When Co-Parenting Becomes Combat Parenting High Conflict Custody disputes	Amanda Love Attorney/GAL
11:15-11:45	Crisis? Or Just Tuesday? When Mental Health becomes an issue	Heather Myers, LMFT Savannah Family Therapy
11:45-12:00	Break to get lunch and return to panel	N/A
12:00-1:00	Lunch & Learn: Superhero or Savior Complex? Knowing When to Save the Day and When to Step Back Ethical lines between advocacy and overreach (Ethics)	Richard Sanders, Attorney/GAL Honorable Mark Hendrix Skye Musson, Attorney/GAL Heather Myers, LMFT
1:00-1:15	Break to dispose of lunch/bathrooms	N/A
1:15-1:45	Protecting the Best Interest of the Child Filing Motions and Emergency Communications with the Court	Debra Finch Attorney/GAL
1:45-2:15	More Than a Mandate: How Supervised Visitation Protects Children and Moves Cases Forward	Claudia Williams, Brightside Child & Family Advocacy
2:15 - 2:45	Uniform Superior Court Rule 24.9 Appointment, Qualification and Role of a Guardian Ad Litem	Diane Woods Attorney/GAL
2:45-3:15	Beyond Bias: Navigating Culture & Class in Custody Cases	Tori White Attorney/GAL
3:15-3:30	Break	N/A
3:30 – 4:00	Understanding Intimate Partner Abuse What Guardians Need to Know	Steven Cayton
4:00 – 5:00	Testify with Impact, Write with Clarity: Avoiding Evidentiary Pitfalls	Wendy Posey & Amanda Love