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**COUNTIES:**  
Aransas  
Bee  
Live Oak  
McMullen  
San Patricio

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Re: Ad Litem for Children in CPS cases

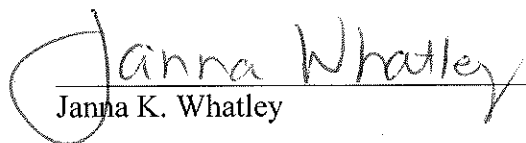
Dear Counsel:

Thank you for our interest in Child Advocacy cases in our 5 county district. The District Judges preside over these cases in 4 of the 5 Counties, Judge Richard Bianchi, County Court at Law of Aransas County presides over these cases in Aransas County and Associate Judge Melissa DeGerolami presides in Bee County. Please contact Judge Bianchi's office in Aransas County if you wish to serve on cases in Aransas County. The Family Code requires that all ad litem in these cases complete at least three (3) hours of CLE relating to child advocacy as soon as practicable after the appointment.

If you are interested in being appointed to represent children and/or parents in CPS cases in the District Courts, please let us know by filling out the attached request form and complete the hours of CLE relating to child advocacy and/or representing parents as soon as practicable after the appointment. Once these hours have been completed, please email it back as soon as possible to [districtcourts@gmail.com](mailto:districtcourts@gmail.com).

Please note travel time is not compensated without prior court approval.

Sincerely,

  
Janna K. Whatley

Enclosure

**REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby request appointment ad litem for children/parents in the following counties. I hereby state that I understand the requirements set out in Chapter 107 of the Texas Family Code regarding appointment in Child Protective Service Cases and hereby state that I:

\_\_\_\_\_ HAVE completed the requirements (\* Attach proof of such) OR;  
\_\_\_\_\_ HAVE NOT completed the requirements and as soon as practicable after my appointment and shall certify to the District Judges and Court at Law Judge of Aransas County of my completion of these hours. I also state that I will re-certify annually (December of each year) by sending verification to the District Judges and the Aransas County Court at Law Judge of my completion of at least three hours of CLE relating to the representation of a child and or parent in a Child Protective Service Case. If you wish to represent both children and parents it is a total of 6 hours of CLE.

Signed this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Bar No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I will accept appointments from the following counties this next year:

**FOR CHILDREN:**

Aransas \_\_\_\_\_  
Bee \_\_\_\_\_  
Live Oak \_\_\_\_\_  
McMullen \_\_\_\_\_  
San Patricio \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR PARENTS:**

Aransas \_\_\_\_\_  
Bee \_\_\_\_\_  
Live Oak \_\_\_\_\_  
McMullen \_\_\_\_\_  
San Patricio \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR APPEALS:**

Aransas \_\_\_\_\_  
Bee \_\_\_\_\_  
Live Oak \_\_\_\_\_  
McMullen \_\_\_\_\_  
San Patricio \_\_\_\_\_