

IN THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

IN RE: GUARDIAN AD LITEM FOR  
MINOR WITNESSES AND  
VICTIMS IN CRIMINAL  
PROCEEDINGS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
NO: 3.7

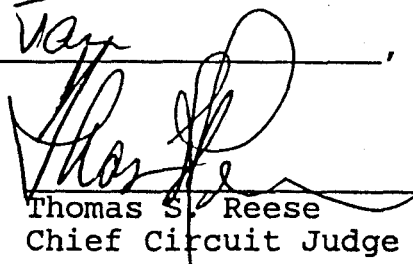
WHEREAS, Florida Statute § 914.17 gives the court the power to appoint a Guardian Ad Litem or other advocate for the purpose of representing minors who are victims of or witnesses to child abuse or neglect, or if the minor is a victim of a sexual offense or a witness to a sexual offense committed against another minor, and

WHEREAS, the appointment of such a Guardian Ad Litem or other advocate is necessary to ensure the physical and mental well-being of such children; it is hereby

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the State Attorney's Office shall, as soon as possible, after determining that a minor is involved in a criminal proceeding as a victim or as a witness, move the appropriate Court to appoint a Guardian Ad Litem or other advocate to represent the minor; and it is further

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that all Courts of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit, upon being moved by the State Attorney's Office, shall appoint a Guardian Ad Litem or other advocate represent each and every minor involved in any criminal proceeding either as a victim or as a witness.

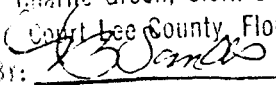
DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers in Fort Myers, Lee County, Florida, this 28 day of May, 1991.

  
Thomas S. Reese  
Chief Circuit Judge

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF LEE

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Clerk Circuit Court

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