



Kids' Voice of Indiana

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Guardian ad Litem Fees

Kids' Voice of Indiana has been appointed by the Court to serve as Guardian ad Litem for the child(ren) involved in this case. Our office will be requesting the Court to order the parties on this case pay a fee for our services. If the Court approves our fee request, our office will then send you an invoice with the amount for which you are responsible to pay.

Please note that our Guardian ad Litem volunteers do not receive any compensation for serving on the child(ren)'s case. However, there are administrative costs associated with the support and resources provided by Kids' Voice of Indiana to the Guardian ad Litem volunteers.

Our fees are set per Indiana law and are as followed:

- Juvenile Paternity (JP) Cases: \$100 per party
- Guardianships (GU) and Adoption (AD) Cases: \$300 per party
- Dissolution (DC) Cases: \$300 per party

Payment Plans:

Our fees are set amounts and cannot be adjusted. However, we do offer the ability for a party to enter into a payment plan. Bethanne Gruner, Director of Internal Operations, will be happy to discuss a plan that accommodates your budget and its limits if needed. You may reach Bethanne at 317.558.2870 extension 324.

Fee Waivers:

In addition, we do offer the ability to have the fee waived if certain criteria are met. You may be eligible to have your fee waived if one or more of the following circumstances apply to you:

1. You receive Social Security Disability Benefits
2. You receive Social Security
3. You receive food stamps
4. Your children receive free school lunches or reduced lunch fees
5. You receive public housing
6. You receive pro bono legal services (free legal services)
7. You are currently incarcerated (a fee may be requested upon your release depending on certain circumstances)

Please submit the documentation that you are eligible for a fee waiver to our Program Paralegal, Rayann Knepley. You may submit it by:

- Mail: 127 E. Michigan Street, Suite 500, Indianapolis, IN 46204
- Fax: 317.558.2945
- Email: rknepley@kidsvoicein.org

We do reserve the ability to request an additional fee if a case exceeds 18 months to 2 years. Any additional fees will be one-half of the original fee requested when the case was opened. If your original fee was waived, you do not automatically qualify for your additional fee to be waived. You will need to submit a new fee waiver request.

Please do not refer questions about your fee to the Guardian ad Litem volunteer on your case. If you have general questions about your fee, please contact our Program Paralegal, Rayann Knepley, at 317.558.2870 extension 360.

Thank you!