

FORM SUMMARY

Name of Form: Consent to Act

Form Number: GF-131B

Statutory Reference: §§48.23, 48.235, 51.60, 54.40, 55.105, 701.15(2), 757.52, 757.48, 767.407, 813.123(3)(b), 879.23, and 879.25, Wisconsin Statutes.

There are numerous other provisions in the statutes concerning guardians ad litem which are not listed.

Purpose of Form: Consent to act as either attorney or guardian-ad-litem for an individual.

Who Completes It: Attorney or Counsel.

Distribution of Form: Court, copy to attorney or guardian ad litem, copy to person for whom attorney or guardian ad litem was appointed, copy to other attorney or parties entitled to notice.

Accompanying Forms: Generally none.

New Form/Modification: Modified; last update 05/14.

Modifications: Pursuant to 2019 WI Act 30, updated to add party/attorney address, email address and telephone number.

Comments: This is a generic form that can be used in juvenile, probate, mental, family or any other case that needs appointment of an attorney or a guardian ad litem.

There has been confusion over whether to appoint a GAL for a child petitioner in harassment TRO/Injunction cases. By statute, a GAL should be appointed for a child petitioner in a harassment TRO (§813.125(2)(b) – effective July 1, 2010).

RMC debated the advisability of adding a section indicating the method and amount of payment (i.e., pursuant to SCR 81.02, §977.08(4m), contract, local court rule, etc.). RMC voted not to add such a section because of a) the lack of uniformity on the method of payment and b) a belief that adding such a section would result in non-use of the form by a number of counties.

About this Form: This form is the product of the Wisconsin Records Management Committee, a committee of the Director of State Court's Office and a mandate of the Wisconsin Judicial Conference.

If you have additional information that does not change the meaning of the form, attach it on a separate page. The form itself shall not be altered.