FORM SUMMARY

Name of Form:	**Order Appointing Guardian Ad Litem or Attorney**
Form Number:	**GF-131A**

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: Appoints either attorney or guardian-ad-litem for an individual.

Who Completes It: Court and/or attorney requesting guardian ad litem.

Who Signs It: **BY THE COURT:** Circuit Court Judge/ Circuit Court Commissioner/Probate Registrar

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 05/16.

Modifications: Changed first sentence to allow for more than one individual.

Comments: Split for eFiling, 05/16.

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.