

§ 4-401. Guardians ad litem; Young Adult Bridge to Independence attorneys; required training; appointments.

(A) An attorney to be appointed by the courts as a guardian ad litem for a juvenile in a proceeding brought under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 43-247(3)(a) of the Nebraska Juvenile Code shall have completed six (6) hours of specialized training provided or approved by the Nebraska Supreme Court Attorney Services Division (see Appendix A). Thereafter, in order to maintain eligibility to be appointed and to serve as a guardian ad litem, an attorney shall complete three (3) hours of specialized training per year as provided by the Nebraska Supreme Court Attorney Services Division. Courts shall appoint attorneys trained under this rule in all § 43-247(3)(a) cases when available; provided, however, that if the judge determines that an attorney with the training required herein is unavailable within the county, he or she may appoint an attorney without such training and the attorney must agree to complete the six-hour on-line training within thirty (30) days of the appointment.

(B) Commencing October 20, 2014, for an attorney appointed by the court under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 43-4510, the attorney shall have training appropriate to the role of the attorney under this statute. Such training shall be provided by the Nebraska Supreme Court Attorney Services Division. If the attorney has not had the appropriate training prior to the appointment, he or she shall obtain such training within 30 days of the appointment. The Nebraska Supreme Court Attorney Services Division shall make appropriate education available on-line to satisfy the statutory requirements for education. The Nebraska Supreme Court Attorney Services Division shall maintain a list of attorneys who are current in their required training and shall make such list available to all judges with juvenile court jurisdiction.

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