

GUARDIAN AD LITEM PANEL PILOT PROJECT

Effective January 1, 2018, Douglas County District Court commences its Guardian *Ad Litem* Panel Pilot Project. The goal of the pilot project is to intervene earlier with at risk children by making guardians *ad litem* more accessible to low income parents. Five Douglas County attorneys have agreed to be part of the pilot project. Judges will appoint panel members on a rotating basis. The panel members have agreed to accept appointments at reduced hourly rates and parents pay according to a sliding scale.

INDIVIDUAL GROSS INCOME	HOURLY FEE	INITIAL DEPOSIT DUE WITHIN 14 DAYS
\$0 - \$30,000	\$40	\$400
\$30,001 - \$50,000	\$70	\$700
\$50,001 and above	\$100	\$1,000

Attorneys involved in cases where the court has made a panel appointment must file a specific Order Appointing Guardian *Ad Litem* (G.A.L. Panel Appointment) found at <https://www.douglascountyks.org/sites/default/files/media/depts/district-court/docx/order-appointing-guardian-ad-litem.docx>.