

FORM SUMMARY

Name of Form: Statement of Guardian ad Litem (Chapters 48 and 938)

Form Number: JD-1799

Statutory Reference: §§48.235(3), and 938.235(3), Wisconsin Statutes.

Purpose of Form: This form is to be completed if the court requires the guardian ad litem to provide a written statement regarding the duties required in child in need of protection or services (CHIPS) and juvenile in need of protection or services (JIPS) cases.

Who Completes It: Guardian ad litem.

Distribution of Form: Court, Child/Juvenile, Child's/Juvenile's Guardian ad Litem/Adversary Counsel, Parents, Parents' Attorney(s), Child's/Juvenile's Guardian/Legal Custodian, Relative or Like-Kin Caregiver/Foster Parent, District Attorney/Corporation Counsel, Caseworker, Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), Tribe, and Indian Custodian.

Accompanying Forms: Generally none.

New Form/Modification: Modified; last updated 09/2022.

Modifications: Added like-kin caregiver to distribution list pursuant to 2023 WI Act 119.

Comments: This form was recommended to RMC by the Chief Judges Subcommittee Guardian ad Litem Oversight. They felt strongly that oversight of the GAL is necessary as it is the court's duty to oversee the GAL's performance of their obligations and duties, which is supported in case law (*Paige K.B. v. Molepske*, 219 Wis.2d 418, 580 N.W.2d 289 (1998)) and the findings from the Children Court Initiative reviews.

The subcommittee intended this form to be filed with the court prior to or at disposition in all CHIPS and JIPS cases where a GAL was appointed for the child.

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.