

FORM SUMMARY

Name of Form:	Order Appointing Guardian ad Litem or Attorney (Chapters 48 and 938)
Form Number:	JD-1798A
Statutory Reference:	§§48.23, 48.235, 48.293, 48.981, 938.23, 938.235 and 938.293, Wisconsin Statutes.
Purpose of Form:	Appoints either attorney or guardian ad litem for an individual in a ch. 48 or ch. 938 proceeding.
Who Completes It:	Court.
Who Signs It:	BY THE COURT: Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner. THIS IS A FINAL ORDER FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPEAL IF SIGNED BY A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE.
Distribution of Form:	Court; copy to attorney or guardian ad litem, person for whom attorney or guardian ad litem was appointed, other attorneys or parties entitled to notice.
Accompanying Forms:	Generally none.
New Form/Modification:	Modified; last update 08/10.
Modifications:	Added “from a non-federally assisted program as defined in 42 CFR Part 2” to the section authorizing access to drug and alcohol records so that it is in compliance with the federal regulations on Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records (42 CFR Part 2).
Comments:	Split for eFiling, 05/16. This form was recommended to RMC by the Chief Judges Guardian ad Litem Oversight subcommittee. This committee 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 (<i>Paige K.B. v. Molepske</i> , 219 Wis.2d 418, 580 N.W.2d 289 (1998)) and the findings from the Children’s Court Initiative reviews.
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.