

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Judicial Branch Family Division

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NUMBER 2011-03

Pending further order and effective immediately, in light of legislation that will, if signed into law, eliminate funding for Guardian *ad Litem* services in marital cases for indigent parents, it is ordered as follows:

Cases in which both parents are indigent (fund cases):

No *Guardian ad Litem* may be appointed in any new or reopened marital matter where both parents are indigent.

Guardians *ad Litem* in any such pending matter are directed to conclude their work and provide a report and final bill to the court no later than June 1, 2011.

Partial private pay/indigent fund:

No *Guardian ad Litem* may be appointed in any new or reopened marital matter in which one parent is indigent and the other is able to pay for the services of a *Guardian ad Litem*.

Guardians *ad Litem* in any such pending matter are directed to conclude their work and provide a final report and final bill to the court no later than June 1, 2011.

In the event the parties agree that the private pay parent will assume full liability for payment of the *Guardian ad Litem* services, the parties or the *Guardian ad Litem* may file a motion with the court requesting relief from this Administrative Order.

Private pay:

This order shall not apply to any case where the parties are personally liable for the full amount of the *Guardian ad Litem* services.

Dated: April 19, 2011

/s/ Edwin W. Kelly
Edwin W. Kelly
Administrative Judge
Judicial Branch Family Division