

# Attorney Information

## Guardian ad Litem

The NEJC Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Program recruits and assists volunteer GALs for Hall and Dawson County Superior Court cases where child custody and parenting time are disputed and the Court requires special assistance. GALs are appointed by the court in individual cases to serve as factfinders and to represent the best interests of the child(ren).

### What does a Guardian ad Litem do?

- GALs will interview, visit, and attend meetings with the parties/children involved in the case.
- GALs submit their findings and recommendations to the court.
- GALs complete follow-up assignments as ordered by the court.

### How can I volunteer to be a Guardian ad Litem?

- You must be an attorney in good standing and have an interest in serving.
- You must complete an accepted training program.
- Contact the NEJC GAL office at (770) 531-2463.

## Courtroom Equipment

Our Jury Trial courtrooms are equipped with an audio visual courtroom evidence presentation system that allows attorneys to use the central podium to display physical documents or photographs and even connect their laptop to display whatever they need.

- **Central Podium/Evidence Presentation System:** All of our trial courtrooms feature a document camera which can be used to display an object to your audience. The document camera will allow you to magnify and project the image of a three-dimensional object, document, or photograph onto one of our video monitors. Additionally, you will find hookups in our courtrooms which allow you to connect your laptop computer to our evidence presentation system. Our system currently accepts HDMI.
- **Video Display Devices:** In each trial courtroom, you will find various monitors which have the capability to display evidence in conjunction with our evidence display system. You will find monitors on the judge's bench, in or near the witness box, and/or on a main wall for gallery, attorney, and client viewing.

- **Audio Equipment:** Our judges, witness stands, and attorney tables are equipped with table microphones. These desktop microphones contain a privacy mute button that can be pressed and held to prevent sound transmission to speakers and recording devices. Our podiums and jury microphones are equipped with a “gooseneck” style microphone so that they can be adjusted and directed towards a speaker if needed. All of our trial courtrooms also offer a wireless microphone system. Should you need one, please place your request with the judge’s office.

## Helpful Resources

*Please review the Attorney Obligations, Documents, and Websites below.*

## Web Links

- [American Bar Association Model Rules of Professional Conduct](#)
- [Courtroom Etiquette](#)
- [Ninth District ADR \(mediation and parenting course\)](#)
- [Hall County Clerk of Superior Court](#)
- [Dawson County Clerk of Superior Court](#)
- [Sheriff’s Department - Civil Service Information](#)
- [Child Support Guidelines, Worksheets and Calculator](#)

## Supporting Documents

Domestic Relations Standing Order (Effective March 1, 2023) 683.81 KB

Attorney’s Notice of Service of Domestic Relations Action Standing Order 78.14 KB

NEJC Approved Parenting Seminar (English) 71.89 KB

Seminario para padres aprobado por NEJC (español) 70.95 KB

Sheriff’s Entry of Service 163.83 KB

Summons 80.31 KB