STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
COUNTY OF COUNTY’S NAME SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
 FILE NO.

IN THE MATTER OF: )
FIRST & LAST NAME ) *Guardian ad Litem Report*

NOW COMES the duly appointed and undersigned Guardian ad Litem for the Ward and makes the following report to the Court:

Background

1. I, GAL’s name, was duly appointed as Guardian ad Litem (“GAL”) under N.C.G.S. § 35A-1107 for first and last name on date of appointment.
2. Ward’s first and last name (“Ward”) is age, sex, and address of Ward.
3. On date original petition was filed, Petitioner’s first and last name filed a petition for adjudication of incompetence and application for appointment of a guardian under N.C.G.S. § 35A-1105, -1210.
4. On date of original adjudication, the county’s name County Clerk of Superior Court entered an order adjudicating the Ward incompetent and appointing name of guardian(s) as the Ward’s Guardian of the Estate / Guardian of the Person / General Guardian.
5. Add background information, such as the basis for the court’s original ruling or other procedural history, if relevant to the motion now before the court.
6. On date of current motion filing, first and last name of Movant (“Movant”) filed a motion in the cause under N.C.G.S. § 35A-1207, seeking description of motion’s purpose.

Investigation Summary

1. Document summary: Summarize the documents you reviewed as GAL, including medical records, psychological evaluations, law enforcement records, financial statements, and social-services files. Highlight the most important information for the court and detail what conclusions you drew—and want the court to draw—from these documents.
2. Interview summary: Summarize the people you interviewed as GAL, including next of kin, friends, neighbors, service providers, and other community members. Describe the key takeaways from those conversations. What did those conversations tell you about your client, your client’s competency, and your client’s wishes? What do those conversations suggest is in your client’s best interest?
3. Ward-interview summary: Summarize what you concluded from conversations with your client. Share your client’s wishes with the court. If you were unable to ascertain your client’s wishes, explain why. What should the court know about your client that may not be learned through other evidence?
4. Proposed-guardian summary, if relevant: Describe relevant details about the proposed guardian’s life, personality, and background. Inform the court the results of any background checks completed and consider attaching the results to your report. Note any strengths you see in the proposed guardian, or any concerns or hesitations you have about their appointment. Inform the court what the proposed guardian and your client’s history or relationship has been like.
	1. If you or your client would like the court to consider a different guardianship arrangement than the plan proposed by the movant, detail that here. Explain whom you are proposing and why it is in the client’s best interests.

Applicable Law

For items in this section, include only relevant portions. After selecting which citations are applicable, consider adding a brief explanation of why you think it applies to the immediate case. For example, consider summarizing why you think the clerk should have an agency conduct a report on a prospective guardian, or why the clerk does or does not have grounds to issue an emergency order pending a further hearing.

1. The “clerk may require a report prepared by a designated agency to evaluate the suitability of a prospective guardian, to include a recommendation as to an appropriate party or parties to serve as guardian, or both, based on the nature and extent of the needed guardianship and the ward’s assets, liabilities, and needs.” N.C.G.S. § 35A-1212(c).
2. If this court finds “reasonable cause to believe that an emergency exists that threatens the physical well-being of the ward or constitutes a risk of substantial injury to the ward’s estate, the clerk may enter an appropriate ex parte order to address the emergency pending disposition of the matter at the hearing.” N.C.G.S. § 35A-1207(d).

Based on the above report, the Guardian ad Litem makes the following recommendations to the Court:

For the following recommendations, select only those that are relevant:

That the Court grant the motion in the cause filed by the Movant under N.C.G.S. § 35A-1207. (Add details about what specifically you are recommending the clerk order, such as modifying the type of guardianship, naming who should serve as guardian, or further limiting or adding to the rights and privileges of the Ward.)

That the Court deny the motion in the cause filed by the Movant under N.C.G.S. § 35A-1207. (Add details about what specifically you are recommending the clerk order, if anything.)

Submitted, this the \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_.

GAL’s name, Attorney

Guardian ad Litem for the Ward

GAL address and contact information