

**STATE OF MAINE
DISTRICT COURT**

**CHILD PROTECTION GUARDIAN AD LITEM (GAL)
ACCESS TO COURT RECORDS AND NOTICE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS
IN RELATED ADOPTION CASES**

Effective: April 3, 2025

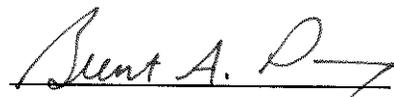
I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Maine Judicial Branch enters this Order to clarify the role of a guardian ad litem appointed to a child protection case (hereinafter "PC GAL"), as the role relates to an adoption case involving the child who is the subject of the pending child protection case.

II. PROTOCOL

Beginning on the effective date of this Order and pursuant to 18-C M.R.S. § 9-310, unless otherwise ordered by the Court, every PC GAL will receive notice of all court proceedings in a related adoption case involving the child who is the subject of the pending child protection case to which the PC GAL is appointed. This Order further authorizes, but does not require, the PC GAL to observe court proceedings in the related adoption case. This Order does not authorize the PC GAL to participate in the proceedings or access the court records beyond scheduling notices, absent further order by the Court. All requests for reimbursement related to adoption proceedings are governed by Administrative Order, JB-05-05.

For the Court,



Brent Davis, Chief Judge

Dated: March 18, 2025