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**SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
FOR THURSTON COUNTY
FAMILY AND JUVENILE COURT**

In Re the Custody of: Starcia M. Ague

Kristen M. Harris Petitioner,

vs.

Dawn G. Riley Respondent.

NO. 02-3-00436-0

**ORDER APPOINTING
GUARDIAN AD LITEM/
INVESTIGATOR/LAWYER
ON BEHALF OF MINOR
(ORAPGL)**

1.1 BASIS

This appointment is being made pursuant to RCW 26.10.

1.2 CHILDREN TO WHOM THE ORDER APPLIES.

Kristen Harris (petitioner or respondent) [] the court moved for appointment of a guardian ad litem for the following minor child(ren) in this action:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
<u>Starcia M. Ague</u>	<u>17</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
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II. FINDINGS

After reviewing the case record to date and the basis for the motion, the Court FINDS that the motion should be granted because appointment of a guardian ad litem is in the best interest of the child(ren).

ORDER APPOINTING GAL/INVESTIGATOR/LAWYER

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2 **III. ORDER**

3 **IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

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5 **3.1 APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM**

6 Barb Timmes is appointed as guardian ad litem
(Name)

7 for the above-named minor child(ren) of the parties and shall receive copies of all pleadings
8 and notice of all court proceedings regarding the child(ren).

9 **3.2 DUTIES OF THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM**

10 The guardian ad litem shall investigate and report factual information to the court
11 concerning parenting arrangements for the child, and shall represent the child's best
12 interests. The guardian ad litem may make recommendations based upon an
13 independent investigation regarding the best interests of the child. The guardian ad
14 litem shall report a child's expressed preferences regarding the parenting plan to the
15 court, together with the facts relative to whether any preferences are being expressed
16 voluntarily and the degree of the child's understanding.

17 The guardian ad litem shall make a full and complete written report to the court and
18 counsel/parties on or before _____ (date) and at least 60 days
19 before trial provided that an extension may be granted by the court. This report
20 shall include recommendations and bases for those recommendations.

21 **3.3 OTHER DUTIES.**

22 Other duties of the guardian ad litem include appearing at all court hearings and
23 pretrial conferences within the scope of appointment unless excused by the court and
24 assisting the parties and counsel in reaching a resolution of the matters involving said
25 children.

26 **3.4 GUARDIAN AD LITEM ACCESS TO CHILDREN, RECORDS AND
27 INFORMATION**

28 To facilitate reasonable investigation of information pertaining to the best interest of
the child(ren), the guardian ad litem shall have access to the children and to all
records and information, including authorization to speak with interested persons,
from the following sources: law enforcement agencies; Child Protective Services (or
the equivalent out-of-state agency); health care providers; mental health care
providers; child care providers; the Department of Social and Health Services (or
equivalent agency in another state); and educational institutions.

These agencies may withhold or blackout portions of requested information as
warranted by law or by court order. The guardian ad litem shall maintain the
confidentiality of information except as necessary to fulfill his or her duties as
guardian ad litem.

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Within the scope of appointment, the guardian ad litem shall have access to all Superior Court Juvenile Court files, including any sealed/confidential portions thereof, other than records sealed pursuant to RCW 13.50.050(7). All information obtained from sealed or confidential files shall remain sealed or confidential, and the guardian ad litem shall inform the court if the guardian ad litem report contains sealed or confidential information.

The court clerk shall provide certified copies of this order to the guardian ad litem upon request and without charge.

Upon good cause shown, the guardian ad litem or the parties may move that the court make confidential any reports or documents placed in the court file by the guardian ad litem.

3.5 PAYMENT OF FEES AND COSTS.

The guardian ad litem fee is \$_____ per hour up to \$_____, the maximum the guardian ad litem may charge without additional court review and approval.

The fees and costs of the guardian ad litem shall be paid as follows:

- _____ % by father, _____ % by mother,
- _____ % by other: _____
- Other: _____

The total amount awarded shall be at the discretion of the court up to the maximum amount allowed after the guardian ad litem files an itemized statement of time with the court, along with a specific request for fees and a proposed Order. Guardians ad litem who are not volunteers shall provide the parties with an itemized accounting of their time and billing for services each month.

3.6 CONSENT OF CHILDREN OVER TWELVE TO INVESTIGATION.

Does not apply. Starcia M. Ague
(Name of Children)

has/have reached the age of twelve. Written consent for the guardian ad litem to consult with and obtain information from medical, psychiatric, or other experts who have served the child(ren) in the past [] has [] has not been given.

3.7 AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION.

Does not apply.
Each party's signature hereunder constitutes an authorization for release of information by that party to the agencies listed in paragraph 3.3 above.

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3 **3.8 TERMINATION OF APPOINTMENT**

4 **The appointment terminates:**

- 5 **Upon entry of the final decree or residential schedule.**
6 **Other:**
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11 Dated: April 19 2002



Judge/Commissioner

13 Presented by:

Approved for entry:
Notice of presentation waived:

14 Kirsten Harris
15 Signature

Signature

16 Kirsten Harris
17 Print or Type Name

Print or Type Name

18 **ACCEPTED UPON APPROVAL BY THE**
19 **COURT**

20 _____
Guardian Ad Litem

21 **Signatures of the Parties**

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23 _____
Mother's Signature

Father's Signature

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25 _____
Child's Signature
26 (See Paragraph 3.6)

Child's Signature
(See Paragraph 3.6)