

Rule 19. Guardian ad litem/Counsel/Attorney of record

(A) Withdrawal.

(1) It is contemplated that a guardian ad litem/attorney of record who has entered an appearance or been appointed in the case shall remain on the case until the entry of a final appealable order or as otherwise provided in these rules.

(2) Upon entering an appearance as counsel for any party, no attorney shall be relieved of his/her responsibility unless:

(a) He/she timely files a written motion with the Court stating the reasons for the withdrawal

(b) He/she provides certification that his/her client has been served with the motion by certified mail, return receipt requested

(c) The motion is accompanied by proper certification that all counsel or, if unrepresented, the parties have been notified;

(d) The motion includes the last known address and phone number of the client; and,

(e) The Court grants the motion.

(B) Removal for conflict of interest.

Upon motion of a party, or upon the Court's own motion, where it appears that a guardian ad litem/attorney of record has a conflict of interest, the Court may remove the guardian ad litem/attorney of record from the case and afford the party the additional time required to secure other counsel.

(C) Time of withdrawal.

No guardian ad litem/attorney of record shall be permitted to withdraw from a case later than thirty (30) days prior to a trial/adjudicatory hearing, dispositional hearing or a bindover hearing except for extraordinary circumstances that require direct permission from the Court.