

Compensation & Billing – Private Custody

In Private Custody cases, a Guardian ad Litem shall be appointed upon the payment of the required deposit with the Clerk's Office. The amount of the deposit & hourly rate is set by the Court.

Effective 3-1-2024, the required initial deposit is \$1,000.00 & the hourly rate is \$125.00.

Fees in addition to the deposit will likely be required. The court shall determine whether or not the hourly rate will be split among parties. Private Guardian ad Litem's are attorneys & at times shall utilize their paralegals or professionals in their office to assist in things such as scheduling.

The rate a Guardian ad Litem shall charge for time spent on a case by a paralegal or other professional shall be no higher than the lower of \$75/hour or the rate normally charged for that professional's time.

Every other month, the Guardian ad Litem shall file a motion to release existing GAL fees in the amount of their bill & shall serve the motion on all parties. At any time prior to the conclusion of the case, a Guardian ad Litem may submit a motion for payment. A Guardian ad Litem shall submit a motion for payment no later than thirty (30) days after the conclusion of their duties. Unless a hearing is requested by a party of the Court within fourteen (14) days after a motion for payment is filed, the Court may set a hearings or rule on the motion. When the deposit is released to the GAL, the business office will mail a paper check to the address included in the Court's entry.