

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
SUPREME COURT

At a Term of the Supreme Court, begun and held in Springfield, on Monday, the 13th day of November, 2023.

Present: Mary Jane Theis, Chief Justice  
Justice P. Scott Neville, Jr.                      Justice David K. Overstreet  
Justice Lisa Holder White                      Justice Joy V. Cunningham  
Justice Elizabeth M. Rochford                      Justice Mary K. O'Brien

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M.R. 27781(5)

In re: Illinois Judicial College Committee on Guardian *ad litem* Education

Order

Effective July 1, 2023, *nunc pro tunc*, the following individual is reappointed a member of the Illinois Judicial College Committee on Guardian *ad litem* Education, for a term expiring June 30, 2026:

Alpa Patel  
Deputy Public Guardian  
Office of the Cook County Public Guardian  
2245 W. Ogden Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60612

Effective immediately, the following current members of the Illinois Judicial College Committee on Guardian *ad litem* Education, whose terms expire June 30, 2024, shall thereafter serve an additional three-year term expiring June 30, 2027:

Hon. Chantelle A. Porter  
Circuit Judge  
DuPage County Courthouse  
505 N. County Farm Rd.  
Wheaton, IL 60187

Alison Stankus, MSW  
Attorney at Law  
Juvenile Div. Training Coordinator  
Office of the Cook Co. Public Guardian  
2245 W. Ogden Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60612

Effective immediately, the following individual is appointed a member of the Illinois Judicial College Committee on Guardian *ad litem* Education, for a term expiring June 30, 2024, replacing Leslie A. Wood. Beginning July 1, 2024, Mr. Bequette shall serve an additional three-year term expiring June 30, 2027:

Andrew W.B. Bequette  
Attorney at Law  
115 N. Broadway Ave.  
P.O. Box 99  
Urbana, IL 61803

Effective immediately, the following individual is appointed a member of the Illinois Judicial College Committee on Guardian *ad litem* Education, for a term expiring June 30, 2025, replacing Boye Akinwande. Beginning July 1, 2025, Ms. Hawkins shall serve an additional three-year term expiring June 30, 2028:

Sarah Hawkins  
Office of the Cook County Public Guardian  
69 W. Washington St., S#700  
Chicago, IL 60602

Effective July 1, 2023, *nunc pro tunc*, the following individuals are reappointed members of the Illinois Judicial College Committee on Guardian *ad litem* Education, for terms expiring June 30, 2026:

Anne D. Bartolo  
Attorney at Law  
Hasselberg, Rock, Bell & Kuppler  
Associated Bank Bldg., S#200  
4600 N. Brandywine Dr.  
Peoria, IL 61614

Hon. Amy L. McFarland  
Associate Judge  
McLean Co. Law & Justice Center  
104 W. Front St., Rm. 522  
Bloomington, IL 61701

Kathryn Gordon  
Asst. Public Defender & Guardian Ad Litem  
Office of the Lake Co. Public Defender  
15 County St., S#3  
Waukegan, IL 60085

Effective July 1, 2023, *nunc pro tunc*, the following individual is appointed a member of the Illinois Judicial College Committee on Guardian *ad litem* Education, for a term expiring June 30, 2026, replacing Donald D. Bernardi:

Kent Dean  
Adams County Public Defender  
521 Vermont St.  
Quincy, IL 62301

Effective July 1, 2023, *nunc pro tunc*, the following individual is appointed Vice-Chairperson of the Illinois Judicial College Committee on Guardian *ad litem* Education, for a term expiring June 30, 2026. Beginning July 1, 2024, Judge Benjamin shall serve an additional three-year term, two-years as Vice-Chair and the remaining year as a regular member, expiring June 30, 2027:

Hon. Anna M. Benjamin  
Associate Judge  
Champaign County Courthouse  
101 E. Main Street  
Urbana, IL 61801

Order entered by the Court.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court, this 22nd day of December, 2023.

*Cynthia A. Grant*

Clerk,  
Supreme Court of the State of Illinois

**FILED**  
December 22, 2023  
SUPREME COURT  
CLERK