
Guardian at Litem Professional Advisory Committee (GALPAC)

1. Function

The purpose of the Guardian ad Litem Professional Advisory Committee ('GALPAC') is to:

- Provide guidance, support and assistance to the Guardians ad Litem ('GALs') on issues relating to the Code of Conduct ('the Code'), the functions of GALs and any procedure required by GALs;
- Provide comment or opinion on issues relating to the Code or alleged breach of the Code in accordance with complaints being made; and
- Accredite training and other professional development activities relating to section 15 of the Code.

2. Committee Members

GALPAC shall consist of the following persons:

- a) The Director or delegate of the Legal Services Branch, Department of Justice and Attorney General;
- b) The Guardian ad Litem Coordinator of the Legal Services Branch, Department of Justice and Attorney General;
- c) A member from each jurisdiction using the panel. The member must be nominated by the Principal Registrar or Executive Officer; and
- d) Up to three (3) members of the GAL Panel with extensive experience in GAL work.

3. Term of Membership

All members listed in section 2(c) and 2(d) are eligible for a three-year appointment to GALPAC, unless their involvement with the GAL panel ceases beforehand. At the end of the three years members will need to re-apply to the Director of the Legal Services Branch, Department of Justice and Attorney General for re-appointment.

Meetings

GALPAC is required to meet bi-annually as a minimum, and any other time as frequently as required.

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