

Online Guardianship *Ad Litem* Certification Course
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There are 39 attorneys who are certified to serve as attorneys *Ad Litem* in El Paso County guardianship cases. The role of attorney *Ad Litem* is crucial in these cases and the pool of certified attorneys fluctuates.

So, how do you get certified/re-certified? The El Paso Probate Bar Association has sponsored CLE courses in the past to qualify attorneys but now there is an easier way.

The State Bar of Texas is on the cutting edge of cyber CLE. Many courses that are presented by the Bar are captured on video and posted on the State Bar CLE website for purchase and viewing in your office or anywhere else you have a fast internet connection.

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Once you finish the online course you can click on a tab at the top of the page and claim credit to your State Bar records which may be reported to the El Paso County Probate Court(s). Your first completion of the certification process will provide you with two years of certification and subsequent CLE attendance will qualify you for four years per certification.

The State Bar conducted its 2006 Advanced Guardianship Course in Dallas in March. It was presented in "parts". Part I is the *Ad Litem* certification course featuring five speakers and the seminar lasts 3 hours, including .75 hours for ethics. The cost is \$85.

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Summary

Selections from Advanced Guardianship Course: Part I (for Attorney *Ad Litem* certification, recorded March 2006, Dallas, Texas)

MCLE #: 000097584 (04/15/2006 — 03/31/2007)

MCLE hours: 3 (including .75 hr ethics)

Registration Price: \$85

Viewing the following 5 presentations will meet the Attorney *Ad Litem* certification requirements.

Guardianship: A Primer on Application and Administration (31 minutes, includes 15 minutes ethics)

Scott L. Stebler, Austin
Austin

Role of Attorney Ad Litem and Guardian Ad Litem (26 minutes, includes 15 minutes ethics)

Hon. Ruth Ann Stiles, Houston
Associate Judge
Harris County Probate Court No. 1

Helping Us Play Doctor: Medical Determination of Capacity (49 minutes)

Jeffrey Glass, Dallas
Medical Doctor

Promoting the Proposed Ward's Well-being (45 minutes, includes 15 minutes ethics)

Darlene Payne Smith, Houston
Crain Caton & James

Case Law Update (25 minutes)

Randy E. Drewett, Beaumont
Attorney at Law