The Ad Litem Manual
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Goals

- Role(s) of Ad Litem(s)
- Less Restrictive Alternatives, Supports & Services
- Tools used:
  - Doctor's Letter
  - Capacity Assessment
- Active Contests
- Uncontested Hearings



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Judicial Bonds

- Courts with Probate & Guardianship Jurisdiction:
  - Population 125,000 or less: $100,000 Bond
  - Population 125,000 or more: $250,000 Bond
  - Statutory Probate Courts: $500,000 Bond
- Condition: Judge performs duties under Estates Code.
- Insurance against losses caused by Judge's Gross Negligence
- County may opt for insurance instead.

Attorney Certification in Guardianship

- *NEW!* **Effective September 1, 2021**
- State Bar Certification Required for:
  - Any Attorney representing *Any* Person in Guardianship
- Four hour course: Guardianship Law & Procedure
- Internet-based training to be made available
- Uncertified Attorneys: 14 days to get certified after appearance
  - but may not file any substantive pleadings before certification

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