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*Judge County Court at Law Number 2
Nueces County Courthouse
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The following are the court's qualifications, for guardian ad litem, attorney ad litem, mediator and attorney ad litem in probate appointments for cases pending in County Court at Law No. 2:

GUARDIAN AD LITEMS

For Guardian ad litem in civil cases: TRCP 173 does not provide any list of qualifications or required courses to complete to serve as guardian ad litem. Courts have been guided by the Estate Code (Sec. 1104.351-1104.357) which gives broad guidelines for determining when a person is not qualified. Since the guardian ad litem's main function is to evaluate the division of settlement proceeds, the court will consider whether, among other things, the person has experience in personal injury litigation.

If you are interested in these appointments, please include with your registration form a brief summary of your familiarity with Special Needs Trusts; annuities and structured settlements; evaluating bodily injuries and the fairness of a minor's settlement in contrast to a parent's settlement; Medicaid and Medicare liens; and hospital liens.

ATTORNEY AD LITEMS

Appointment of Attorneys ad litem in civil litigation other than family law: There are no prescribed qualifications for such appointments nor are there any required courses to complete. One must be familiar with the duties required for such appointments.

MEDIATORS

Mediators in Civil Cases: Pursuant to CPRC Sec. 154.052(a), to serve as a mediator or impartial third party in civil cases, a person must have completed a minimum of 40 classroom hours of training in dispute resolution techniques in a course conducted by an alternative dispute resolution system or other dispute resolution organization approved by the court making the appointment.

If you are interested in these appointments, please include with your registration form your certificate of completion of the classroom hours.

ATTORNEY AD LITEM IN PROBATE CASES

The court will consider those persons who have attended the Corpus Christi Bar Association Probate and Mental Health seminar.

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Attorney Registration Form

Appointment as guardian ad litem, attorney ad litem, mediator and attorney ad litem in probate for cases pending in County Court at Law No. 2

Please submit your resume with this registration form. Registration Forms will need to be resubmitted every January 1st of even numbered years for continued registration.

Name: _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____

Office Number: _____ **Cell Number:** _____

Fax Number: _____ **Bar License Number:** _____

I apply to be considered for appointment to the following and I commit to perform all duties mandated by statute. I certify that I meet all statutory requirements and herewith provide proof thereof for such appointments.

_____ **Guardian ad litem in civil cases**

Please briefly indicate your familiarity with Special Needs Trusts; annuities and structured settlements; evaluating bodily injuries and the fairness of a minor's settlement in contrast to a parent's settlement; Medicaid and Medicare liens; and hospital liens.

_____ **Attorney ad litem in probate cases**

Please attach your certification of attendance from the Corpus Christi Bar Association Probate and Mental Health seminar to this registration form.

_____ **Attorney ad litem in civil cases**

_____ **Mediator or impartial third party in civil cases**

Please attach your certification of attendance of the 40 classroom hours required.

Date: _____ **Signature:** _____