

## **Rule 17. Guardian ad Litem/Counsel/Attorney of Record—Withdrawal/Removal**

### **(A) Withdrawal.**

- (1) It is contemplated that a guardian ad litem/attorney of record who has entered an appearance or been appointed in the case shall remain on the case until the entry of a final appealable order or as otherwise provided in these rules.
- (2) Upon entering an appearance as counsel for any party, no attorney shall be relieved of his/her responsibility unless:
  - (a) He/she timely files a written motion with the Court stating the reasons for the withdrawal;
  - (b) He/she provides certification that his/her client has been served with the motion by certified mail, return receipt requested;
  - (c) The motion is accompanied by proper certification that all counsel or, if unrepresented, the parties have been notified;
  - (d) The motion includes the last known address and phone number of the client; and,
  - (e) The Court grants the motion.

### **(B) Removal for conflict of interest.**

Upon motion of a party, or upon the Court's own motion, where it appears that a guardian ad litem/attorney of record has a conflict of interest, the Court may remove the guardian ad litem/attorney of record from the case and afford the party the additional time required to secure other counsel.

### **(C) Time of withdrawal.**

No guardian ad litem/attorney of record shall be permitted to withdraw from a case later than thirty (30) days prior to a trial/adjudicatory hearing, dispositional hearing or a bindover hearing except for extraordinary circumstances that require direct permission from the Court.