

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 12 – 12**

(Appointment of Attorneys to the Family Court Attorney Panels)

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 09-07, issued on June 12, 2009, required the re-establishment of the Family Court Attorney Panels and directed the Family Court Panel Oversight Committee (“Family Court Panel Committee”) to receive and evaluate applications; and

WHEREAS, the Family Court Panel Committee has considered applications from new attorneys filed between January 2012 and July 15, 2012 for appointment as counsel to parties in neglect and related proceedings for a one year provisional period (“Provisional Panel”); appointment of attorneys as guardians *ad litem* (“GAL Panel”); appointment as counsel to parties in neglect and related proceedings (“CCAN Panel”); appointment as special education attorneys (“SEA Panel”); and appointment as counsel to respondents in juvenile proceedings (“Juvenile Panel”); and

WHEREAS, the Family Court Panel Committee submitted its Report to the Chief Judge recommending that additional attorneys be appointed to the Family Court Attorney Panel as Provisional or Full members; and

WHEREAS the Chief Judge is satisfied that the recommendations of the Family Court Panel Committee with respect to new attorneys to be added to the Family Court Attorney Panel have been made after careful study and consideration of each new attorney who applied and should be accepted in their entirety without change;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

ORDERED, that the attorneys listed in Appendix 1 are added to the particular panels under which their names appear; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Provisional attorneys listed in Appendix 1 shall be eligible to accept appointment as counsel to parties in neglect and related proceedings for a period of one (1) year, at which time they must further apply to become full members of any Family Court Panel for the remaining years of the term, pending the determination of which they may remain Provisional Panel members; and it is further

ORDERED, that absent suspension or removal, the GAL, CCAN, SEA and Juvenile attorneys listed in Appendix 1, are appointed to the designated panel(s) for the duration of the present term until the next reconstitution of the Family Court Panel, at which time they must submit an application for reappointment, pending the determination of which they may remain a member of the relevant panel(s), and if reappointed, every four (4) years thereafter; and it is further

ORDERED, that an attorney’s membership on the Panel(s) is conditioned upon his or her compliance with all Administrative Orders setting an annual cap for attorney compensation

for appointed representation and providing representation in conformance with the applicable Attorney Practice Standards for Child Abuse and Neglect, adopted by Administrative Order 03-07; for Representing Juveniles Charged with Delinquency or as Persons in Need of Supervision, adopted by Administrative Order 04-13; and/or for Special Education Panel Attorneys, adopted by Administrative Order 09-03; and it is further

ORDERED, that attorneys in neglect and related proceedings shall complete pre-service CCAN training prior to appointment; and it is further

ORDERED, that the effective date of this Order is November 6, 2012.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/

Lee F. Satterfield
Chief Judge

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APPENDIX 1

Provisional Panel:

Wanda Resto-Torres

GAL Panel:

Andrew Reese
Shetal Sutaria

CCAN Panel:

Andrew Reese
Shetal Sutaria

SEA Panel:

Michelle Kotler
Wanda Resto-Torres

Juvenile Panel:

Christopher Gowen