



CIRCUIT COURT FOR FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

100 West Patrick Street

Frederick, Maryland 21701

Clerk of the Court: 301-600-1976 Assignment Office: 301-600-2015

Case Number:

Other Reference Numbers:

ORDER APPOINTING CHILD ADVOCATE ATTORNEY

Upon recommendation of the Family Law Magistrate to appoint an attorney for the minor child(ren), it is thereupon this 18th day of May, 2022, by the Circuit Court for Frederick County, Maryland,

ORDERED, that the following attorney be and is hereby appointed as a Child Advocate Attorney:

To represent for the minor child(ren) in this case, namely:

Child's Name

Date of Birth

A Child Advocate Attorney is a Court appointed lawyer who provides independent legal counsel for the child and who owes the same duties of undivided loyalty, confidentiality, and competent representation as are due an adult client; and it is further

ORDERED, that , Esquire, is authorized to inspect and obtain copies of all medical records, school records, social summaries, psychiatric and/or psychological evaluations pertaining to said child(ren), to meet with any and all employees of any child care business or other child care provider that provides care for said child(ren), and to meet with and interview this child(ren) privately at the school where this child(ren) attends, if child(ren) attends school; and, it is further,

ORDERED, that , Esquire is appointed in accordance with Nagle v. Hooks, 296 Md. 123 (1983), to decide whether to assert or waive, on behalf of a minor child(ren) in a custody action, any statutory privilege; and it is further

ORDERED, that the parties shall fully cooperate with the attorney appointed herein in the performance of the duties instructed by this Court; and it is further

ORDERED, that the attorney appointed herein shall have reasonable access to the child(ren) and to all otherwise privileged or confidential information, including but not limited to any protected health information, about the child(ren), without the necessity of any further Order of Court. The attorney's access to privileged and confidential information shall be without the necessity of a signed release, including medical, dental, psychiatric/psychological, social services, drug and alcohol treatment, law enforcement and educational records and information; and it is further

ORDERED, that within ten (10) days of the date of this Order, counsel for the Plaintiff, or Plaintiff, shall provide to the attorney appointed herein copies of all pleadings and papers filed in the above action and any correspondence between the parties or counsel for the parties; and it is further

ORDERED, that within ten (10) days of the date of this Order, each party is to provide the attorney appointed herein the names, known addresses and telephone numbers of any and all mental health providers

who have evaluated or treated the child(ren) and anyone else with whom the children may have a privilege pursuant to the Statute; and it is further


ORDERED, that the attorney appointed herein shall have access upon request to review all of the Department of Social Services' records of the child(ren), including all CPS records, and they shall have the authority to make any and all copies of said records, if necessary, and may speak to the Social Worker(s), provided, however, that no information from the records of the Department of Social Services may be disclosed by the child(ren)'s attorney to any other person or party without further Order of this Court; and it is further

ORDERED, that the attorney appointed herein shall not have any ex parte communications with the Court. In addition, the attorney/client privilege shall be respected at all times. As such, the attorney appointed herein may not speak to the parties without the prior permission of their respective attorneys, and the attorneys for the parties may not speak with the child without the prior permission of the attorney appointed herein; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Plaintiff, _____, shall make an initial contribution of \$0.00, and the Defendant, _____ shall make an initial contribution of \$0.00, for a total of \$0.00, as an initial contribution toward the fees of _____, Esquire as the court-appointed attorney for the minor child(ren), to be paid within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED, that _____, Esquire be and is hereby authorized to transfer funds received, from their escrow account to their operating account, as earned; and it is further

ORDERED, that the costs and expenses of _____, Esquire, shall be paid by the parties, the exact apportionment to be determined at a later date, after a hearing thereon, if necessary.



Julie S. Solt, County Administrative Judge
Circuit Court for Frederick County, MD

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301-600-1001 Domestic: 301-600-2018 Juvenile: 301-600-2019

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Other Reference Numbers:

PLAINTIFF V. DEFENDANT

ORDER APPOINTING PRIVILEGE ATTORNEY

Upon recommendation of the Court to appoint an attorney for the minor child(ren) in this matter for the purpose of asserting or waiving the child’s privilege,

It is thereupon this 28th day of September, 2021, by the Circuit Court for Frederick County, Maryland,

ORDERED, that the following attorney be and is hereby appointed as Child’s Privilege Attorney pursuant to Maryland Standards of Practice for Court-Appointed Lawyers Representing Children in Custody Cases:

NAME OF PA
FIRM ADDRESS
FIRM ADDRESS

To represent for the minor child(ren) in this case, namely:

Child’s Name	Date of Birth
CHILD’S NAME	DOB

ORDERED, that NAME OF PA, Esquire is appointed in accordance with Nagle v. Hooks, 296 Md. 123 (1983), to decide whether to assert or waive, on behalf of a minor child(ren) in a custody action, any statutory privilege; and it is further

ORDERED, that the parties shall fully cooperate with the attorney appointed herein in the performance of the duties instructed by this Court; and it is further

ORDERED, that the attorney appointed herein shall have reasonable access to the child(ren) and to all otherwise privileged or confidential information, including but not limited to any protected health information, about the child(ren), without the necessity of any further Order of Court. The attorney’s access to privileged and confidential information shall be without the necessity of a signed release, including medical, dental, psychiatric/psychological, social services, drug and alcohol treatment, law enforcement and educational records and information; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Plaintiff, NAME OF PLAINTIFF, shall make an initial contribution of \$500.00, and the Defendant, NAME OF DEFENDANT, shall make an initial contribution of \$500.00, for a total of \$1,000.00, as an initial contribution toward the fees of NAME OF PA, Esquire as the court-appointed attorney for the minor child(ren), to be paid within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED, that NAME OF PA, Esquire be and is hereby authorized to transfer funds received, from their escrow account to their operating account, as earned; and it is further

ORDERED, that the costs and expenses of NAME OF PA, Esquire, shall be paid by the parties, the exact apportionment to be determined at a later date, after a hearing thereon, if necessary.

County Administrative Judge
Circuit Court for Frederick County, MD

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ORDER FOR BEST INTEREST ATTORNEY

Upon recommendation of the Court to appoint an attorney for the minor child(ren), it is thereupon this 28th day of September, 2021, by the Circuit Court for Frederick County, Maryland,

ORDERED, that the following attorney be and is hereby appointed as Best Interest Attorney:

NAME OF BIA
FIRM ADDRESS
FIRM ADDRESS

To represent the minor child(ren) in this case, namely:

Child's Name
MINOR CHILD

Date of Birth
DOB

A Best Interest Attorney is a court appointed lawyer who provides independent legal services for the purposes of protecting the child's best interest, without being bound by the child(ren)'s directives or objectives; and it is further

ORDERED, that NAME OF BIA, Esquire, is authorized to inspect and obtain copies of all medical records, school records, social summaries, psychiatric and/or psychological evaluations pertaining to said child(ren), to meet with any and all employees of any child care business or other child care provider that provides care for said child(ren), and to meet with and interview this child(ren) privately at the school where this child(ren) attends, if child(ren) attends school; and, it is further,

ORDERED, that NAME OF BIA, Esquire is appointed in accordance with Nagle v. Hooks, 296 Md. 123 (1983), to decide whether to assert or waive, on behalf of a minor child(ren) in a custody action, any statutory privilege; and it is further

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ORDERED, that the parties shall fully cooperate with the attorney appointed herein in the performance of the duties instructed by this Court; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Plaintiff, NAME OF PLAINTIFF, shall make an initial contribution of \$2,000.00, and the Defendant, NAME OF DEFENDANT, shall make an initial contribution of \$2,000.00, for a total of \$4,000.00, as an initial contribution toward the fees of NAME OF BIA, Esquire as the court-appointed attorney for the minor child(ren), to be paid within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED, that NAME OF BIA, Esquire be and is hereby authorized to transfer funds received, from their escrow account to their operating account, as earned; and it is further

ORDERED, that the costs and expenses of NAME OF BIA, Esquire, shall be paid by the parties, the exact apportionment to be determined at a later date, after a hearing thereon, if necessary.

JUDGE'S SIGNATURE

County Administrative Judge
Circuit Court for Frederick County, MD

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