

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

PLAINTIFFNAME

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Plaintiff

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vs.

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Case No. CA-00-0000

DEFENDANTNAME

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Defendant

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O R D E R

The parties and their counsel having appeared on the 3rd day of February 2014, for a Scheduling Conference, it is this the 3rd day of February, 2014, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County,

ORDERED, that NAME OF ATTORNEY, Esquire at ADDRESS and his/her business number is (XXX) XXX-XXXX be and the same is hereby appointed as Privilege Attorney for CHILD NAME, DOB minor child of the Plaintiff, PLAINTIFFNAME and the Defendant, DEFENDANTNAME, to provide representation that shall include consideration of the waiver (or not) of the psychiatric/psychological privilege for the aforesaid minor

children, and may include requests for counseling and psychiatric evaluation; and it is further,

ORDERED, that the Privilege Attorney may do the following, if he or she deems appropriate:

- Meet with and interview the child, and advise the child of the scope of the representation.
- Review all educational, medical, dental, psychiatric, psychological or other records.
- Interview school personnel, childcare providers, healthcare providers, and mental health professionals involved with the child or family.
- When the representation ends, the lawyer should inform the child in a developmentally appropriate manner.

HOWEVER, THE PRIVILEGE ATTORNEY SHALL NOT TESTIFY AT TRIAL OR FILE A WRITTEN REPORT WITH THE COURT.

ORDERED, that the attorney appointed herein shall be compensated as follows:

_____ Payment into attorney's trust account. Plaintiff is hereby directed to pay the attorney appointed herein, for deposit into attorney's trust account, the sum of _____ within 10 days of the date of this Order as an initial contribution towards the attorney's fees in performance of the services identified herein. The attorney is authorized to draw

from the trust account as the fee is earned, upon admission of an itemized monthly statement to the court, counsel and any unrepresented party.

_____ Payment into attorney's trust account. Defendant #1 is hereby directed to pay the attorney appointed herein, for deposit into the attorney's trust account, the sum of _____ within 10 days of the date of this Order as an initial contribution towards the attorney's fees in performance of the services identified herein. The attorney is authorized to draw from the trust account as the fee is earned, upon submission of an itemized monthly statement to the court, counsel, and any unrepresented party.

_____ Final allocation of fees shall be determined by the Court at a hearing on the merits of this case or upon the Petition of the attorney appointed herein.

_____ The attorney appointed herein shall submit a bill for services to the Court at the conclusion of the case or upon earlier motion.

_____ The attorney appointed herein shall provide representation on a pro-bono basis.

_____ The attorney appointed herein shall be compensated in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding and any subsequent directives issued by the Court.

____ The appointment shall terminate following the final disposition of the merits of the case in the trial court.

____ Absent further Order of this Court, the attorney appointed shall not be required to participate in any appeal in this matter.

ORDERED, that this appointment, unless otherwise ordered by this Court, shall terminate after 30 days from the entry of a final Custody Order; and it is further,

ORDERED, that the appearance fee for said attorney is hereby waived; and it is further,

JUDGE/MASTER

Plaintiff's Counsel:

Plaintiff's Cell:

Defendant's Counsel:

Defendant's Cell:

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ORDERED, that NAME OF ATTORNEY, Esquire at ADDRESS and his/herbusiness number is (XXX) XXX-XXXX be and the same is hereby appointed as Best Interest Attorney for CHILD NAME, DOB minor child of the Plaintiff, PLAINTIFFNAME and the Defendant, DEFENDANTNAME, to represent the best interests of said child in all matters relating to custody and visitation; such representation shall include consideration of the waiver (or not) of the psychiatric/psychological privilege for the

aforesaid minor children, and may include requests for counseling and psychiatric evaluation; and it is further,

ORDERED, that the Best Interest Attorney shall present the child's needs and wishes to the Court, but the overriding obligation of the Best Interest Attorney shall be to assist the Court in determining the best interest of the child; and it is further,

ORDERED, that the Best Interest Attorney may do the following, if he or she deems appropriate:

- Meet with and interview the child, and advise the child of the scope of the representation.
- Investigate the relative abilities of the parties in their roles as parents or custodians.
- Visit the child in each home.
- Conduct individual interviews with parents, other parties and collateral witnesses.
- Observe the child's interactions with each parent and each other party, individually.
- Review all educational, medical, dental, psychiatric, psychological or other records.
- Interview school personnel, childcare providers, healthcare providers, and mental health professionals involved with the child or family.

- File and respond to pleadings and motions.
- Participate in discovery.
- Participate in settlement negotiations.
- Participate in the trial, including calling witnesses, and presenting evidence and argument, as appropriate.
- If the child is to meet with the judge or testify, prepare the child, familiarizing the child with the places, people, procedures, and questioning that the child will be exposed to; and seek to minimize any harm to the child from the process.
- When the representation ends, the lawyer should inform the child in a developmentally appropriate manner.

HOWEVER, THE BEST INTEREST ATTORNEY SHALL NOT TESTIFY AT TRIAL OR FILE A WRITTEN REPORT WITH THE COURT.

ORDERED, that the attorney appointed herein shall be compensated as follows:

_____ Payment into attorney's trust account. Plaintiff is hereby directed to pay the attorney appointed herein, for deposit into attorney's trust account, the sum of _____ within 10 days of the date of this Order as an initial contribution towards the attorney's fees in performance of the services identified herein. The attorney is authorized to draw from the trust account as the fee is earned, upon admission of

an itemized monthly statement to the court, counsel and any unrepresented party.

_____ Payment into attorney's trust account. Defendant is hereby directed to pay the attorney appointed herein, for deposit into the attorney's trust account, the sum of _____ within 10 days of the date of this Order as an initial contribution towards the attorney's fees in performance of the services identified herein. The attorney is authorized to draw from the trust account as the fee is earned, upon submission of an itemized monthly statement to the court, counsel, and any unrepresented party.

_____ Final allocation of fees shall be determined by the Court at a hearing on the merits of this case or upon the Petition of the attorney appointed herein.

_____ The attorney appointed herein shall submit a bill for services to the Court at the conclusion of the case or upon earlier motion.

_____ The attorney appointed herein shall provide representation on a pro-bono basis.

_____ The attorney appointed herein shall be compensated in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding and any subsequent directives issued by the Court.

____ The appointment shall terminate following the final disposition of the merits of the case in the trial court.

____ Absent further Order of this Court, the attorney appointed shall not be required to participate in any appeal in this matter.

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