11 NCAC 23A .0604 APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM

(a) Minors or incompetent individuals may bring an action only through their guardian ad litem. Upon the written application on a Form 42 Application for Appointment of Guardian Ad Litem, the Commission shall appoint the person as guardian ad litem, if the Commission determines it to be in the best interest of the minor or incompetent individual. The Commission shall appoint the guardian ad litem only after due inquiry as to the fitness of the person to be appointed.

(b) No compensation due or owed to an incompetent individual shall be paid directly to the guardian ad litem, unless the guardian ad litem has authority to receive the money pursuant to a federal or state court order. No compensation due or owed to a minor shall be paid directly to the guardian ad litem, except that a parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian may receive compensation on behalf of a minor in his or her capacity as parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian.

(c) The Commission may assess a fee to be paid by the employer or the insurance carrier to an attorney who serves as a guardian ad litem for services rendered upon receipt of an affidavit of time spent in representation of the minor or incompetent individual as part of the costs.

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