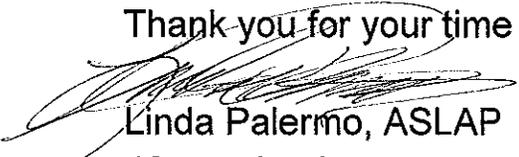


TESTIMONY OF LINDA PALERMO
BEFORE THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
MARCH 31, 2014 IN OPPOSITION TO RAISED BILL 494
AN ACT CONCERNING GUARDIANS AD LITEM AND
ATTORNEYS FOR MINOR CHILDREN IN FAMILY RELATED MATTERS

Several years ago, I spoke with regard to Guardians Ad Litem in a divorce issue and the fact that they should be ordered to submit a monthly written accounting to not only the parties of the divorce but in common law as well, regarding how much time and or how many times they interacted with the child or children, who may have contact the Guardian or who the Guardian may have visited, and if the problems were resolved or if it changed the situation in any way. I just do not seem to see anything in your legislation that makes reference to such an accounting. Why shouldn't the parties involved who have to come to an agreement with regard to paying the services of the Guardian and attorney for minor children in a family related issue be given first consideration when it comes to getting a written report regarding their child or children, instead of the Court? The Court inherently will say it is in the child's best interest; but is it really? What about the parties of the divorce, can they get waiver of costs and fees if they can't afford the divorce or the price of a Guardian ad Litem and an attorney for their child or children? Let's not forget that is within Judges Discursions too. The Laws in divorce Court, in regard to Guardian Ad Litem's, Attorney and Judges reminds me of Probate Court, as it relates to conservators and administrators, attorneys appointed for either or both; Guardian ad Litem's and Judges in that those rules need revision and should be brought back to the Civil Court because they don't really care if you've come or if you're going or just gone and in my opinion it's just the all might buck that really matters; And not cost, human feeling and compassion.

Thank you for your time and allowing me to speak



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