

No. _____

GUARDIANSHIP OF	§	IN THE COUNTY COURT
_____	§	AT LAW NO. _____
AN INCAPACITATED PERSON	§	GREGG COUNTY, TEXAS

**ORDER APPOINTING ATTORNEY AD LITEM PURSUANT TO § 646
OF THE TEXAS PROBATE CODE**

On this day, the Court finds it necessary to appoint an Attorney Ad Litem to represent the interest of _____, the proposed incapacitated person (“Proposed Ward”) in this guardianship proceeding pursuant to § 646 of the Texas Probate Code.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that _____, who is an Attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Texas, is appointed as Attorney Ad Litem of the Proposed Ward to perform with due diligence the following duties:

- a. to review the application for guardianship;
- b. to personally interview the Proposed Ward;
- c. to personally interview the Applicant and Proposed Guardian;
- d. to the greatest extent possible, discuss with the Proposed Ward the law and facts of the case, the Proposed Ward’s legal options, and grounds upon which the guardianship is sought;
- e. to review the certificates of current physical, medical and intellectual examinations and all of the Proposed Ward’s relevant medical, psychological and intellectual testing records; and,
- f. to file a written report with the Court concerning the best interest of the Proposed Ward prior to the hearing date.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Attorney Ad Litem is to be given access to all of the Proposed Ward’s financial, medical, psychological and intellectual testing records. This Order is issued pursuant to 45 CFR 164.512(e)(1)(i) Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act which authorizes covered entities to disclose protected health information in the course of any judicial or administrative proceeding when responding to an order of the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Attorney Ad Litem shall receive a fee at the hourly rate of **\$85.00** for any fee to be paid by Gregg County, Texas, and **\$125.00** on all other matters for service on behalf of the Proposed Ward, and the Attorney Ad Litem shall file an itemized Sworn Statement of Services and Fees with a narrative of time expended and services rendered.

SIGNED: _____

JUDGE PRESIDING