



29 as defined in s. 68.096; to act in family law cases or

30 (c) An attorney who is a member in good standing of The  
 31 Florida Bar.

32 (2) (a) Prior to certifying a guardian ad litem pursuant to  
 33 paragraph (1) (b) to be appointed under this chapter, the not-  
 34 for-profit legal aid organization Guardian Ad Litem Program  
 35 must:

36 1. Conduct a security background investigation as  
 37 described ~~provided~~ in s. 39.821 for which the not-for-profit  
 38 legal aid organization has the sole discretion in determining  
 39 whether to certify a person based on his or her security  
 40 background investigation; and-

41 2. Provide training using the uniform objective statewide  
 42 training program for guardians ad litem developed by The Florida  
 43 Bar.

44 (b) The security background investigation and the training  
 45 program requirements as provided in this subsection must be paid  
 46 for by the not-for-profit legal aid organization or the person  
 47 seeking certification as a guardian ad litem through the not-  
 48 for-profit legal aid organization.

49 (3) Only a guardian ad litem who qualifies under paragraph  
 50 (1) (a) or paragraph (1) (c) may be appointed to a case in which  
 51 the court has determined that there are well-founded allegations  
 52 of child abuse, abandonment, or neglect as defined in s. 39.01.

53 (4) Nothing in this section requires the Guardian Ad Litem  
 54 Program or a not-for-profit legal aid organization to train or  
 55 certify guardians ad litem appointed under this chapter.

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56        (5) It is a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as  
57 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, for any person to  
58 willfully, knowingly, or intentionally fail by false statement,  
59 misrepresentation, impersonation, or other fraudulent means to  
60 disclose in an application for a guardian ad litem any material  
61 fact used in making a determination as to the applicant's  
62 qualifications for such position.

63        Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.