The Ad Litem Manual for 2016

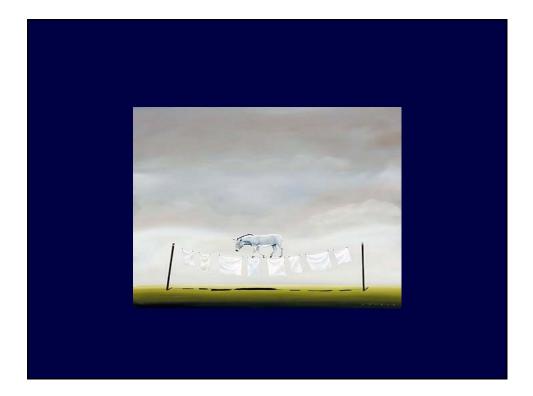
Steve M. King Judge Tarrant County Probate Court One Fort Worth, Texas

## Goals

- Role(s) of Ad Litem(s)
- Less Restrictive
  Alternatives
- Tools used:
  - The Doctor's Letter
  - Capacity Assessment
- Active Contests
- Uncontested Hearings
- Getting Paid!

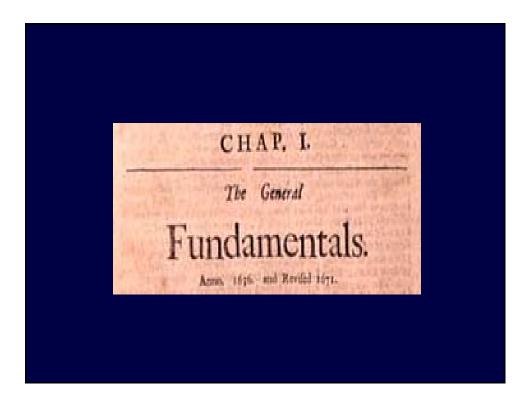






## Attorney Ad Litem Certification

- State Bar of Texas
- Four-hours: Guardianship Law & Procedure
  - One hour on
    - Alternatives
    - Supports and Services
- Required for:
  - Attorney Ad Litem
  - Retained Counsel
- <u>Uncertified</u> Attorneys may not:
  - serve as Attorney Ad Litem
  - represent Proposed Ward at any stage of the proceeding



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