

# The Ad Litem Manual for 2017

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Houston, Texas

## Goals

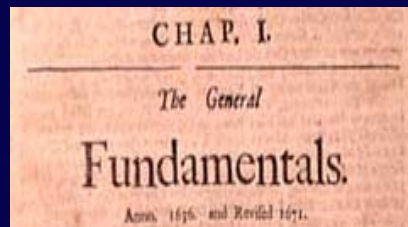
- Types of Proceedings
- Role(s) of Ad Litem(s)
- Tools used:
  - The Doctor's Letter
  - Capacity Assessment
- Active Contests
- Uncontested Hearings





# 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
- Uncertified Attorneys may not:
  - serve as Attorney Ad Litem
  - represent Proposed Ward at any stage of the proceeding



Also available as part of the eCourse

[2017 Estate Planning, Guardianship, and Elder Law eConference](#)

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19<sup>th</sup> Annual Estate Planning, Guardianship and Elder Law Conference session  
"The Role of the Ad Litem"