

# The Ad Litem Manual 2018

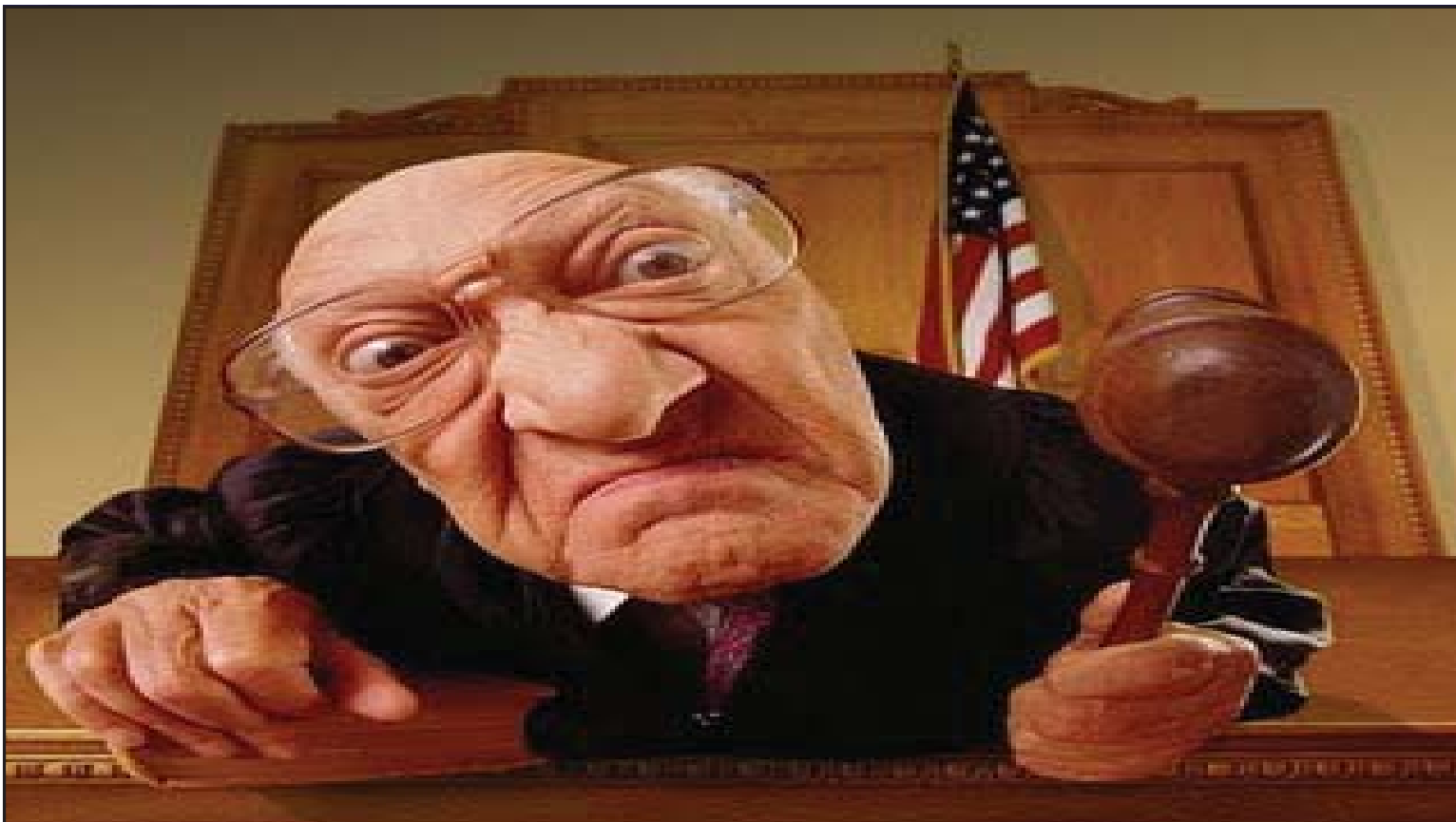
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# Goals

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





## Judicial Bonds

- Courts with Probate & Guardianship Jurisdiction:
  - Population 125,000 or less: \$100,000 Bond
  - Population 125,000 or more: \$250,000 Bond
  - Statutory Probate Courts: \$500,000 Bond
- Conditioned that Judge will perform duties required by Estates Code.
- Payable on losses caused by Gross Negligence of Judge
- County may opt for insurance instead.

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