

152 62A-4a-201, in determining whether to appoint a guardian ad litem.

153 (b) In all cases where an attorney guardian ad litem is appointed, the court shall make a
154 finding that establishes the necessity of the appointment.

155 (2) An attorney guardian ad litem shall represent the best interest of each child who
156 may become the subject of a petition alleging abuse, neglect, or dependency, from the earlier of
157 the day that:

158 (a) the child is removed from the child's home by the division; or

159 (b) the petition is filed.

160 (3) The director shall ensure that each attorney guardian ad litem employed by the
161 office:

162 (a) represents the best interest of each client of the office in all [~~proceedings~~] venues,
163 including:

164 (i) court proceedings; and

165 (ii) ~~H~~ **→ meetings to develop, review, or modify the** ~~←H~~ child and family plan

165a ~~H~~ **→** [~~meetings~~] ~~←H~~ with the Division of Child and Family Services ~~H~~ **→** [f] in

166 accordance with Section 62A-4a-205 [H] ~~←H~~ ;

167 (b) prior to representing any minor before the court, be trained in:

168 (i) applicable statutory, regulatory, and case law; and

169 (ii) nationally recognized standards for an attorney guardian ad litem;

170 (c) conducts or supervises an ongoing, independent investigation in order to obtain,
171 first-hand, a clear understanding of the situation and needs of the minor;

172 (d) (i) personally meets with the minor, unless:

173 (A) the minor is outside of the state; or

174 (B) meeting with the minor would be detrimental to the minor;

175 (ii) personally interviews the minor, unless:

176 (A) the minor is not old enough to communicate;

177 (B) the minor lacks the capacity to participate in a meaningful interview; or

178 (C) the interview would be detrimental to the minor; and

179 (iii) if the minor is placed in an out-of-home placement, or is being considered for
180 placement in an out-of-home placement, unless it would be detrimental to the minor:

181 (A) to the extent possible, determines the minor's goals and concerns regarding
182 placement; and