

Appointment for attorney and non-attorney guardians ad litem in private custody and visitation actions is governed by South Carolina Code Ann. §§ 63-3-810, and following, otherwise known as the South Carolina Guardian ad Litem Reform Act. In addition to meeting other qualifications set forth in the statute, individuals desiring to serve as private guardians ad litem must comply with certain training requirements. The Children's Law Center provides trainings which meet these statutory requirements pursuant to a grant from the South Carolina Bar Foundation. Although training is necessary in order to be qualified to receive private guardian ad litem appointments, completing training does not guarantee that an individual will receive appointments. The Children's Law Center has no role in the process by which a guardian ad litem is appointed by the family court and the fact that a person is qualified to serve as a guardian ad litem is no guarantee that a person will be appointed. For more information about appointment of guardians ad litem in private custody and visitation actions please go to the Children's Law Center web site (<http://childlaw.sc.edu>) and review the fact sheet located in the guardian ad litem information section of the web site.