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Administrative Order	§	In the Probate Court
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2023-4	§	Number Two
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	§	Travis County, Texas

Order Setting Attorney Ad Litem Deposit at $600.00

On this date, the Court finds that there is need for a deposit for services of an attorney ad litem in all cases before Travis County Probate Court No. 2 in which an attorney ad litem has been or will be appointed, including probate and guardianship cases.

It is the Court's duty to ensure that estates of decedents and wards pay only for "reasonable and necessary" attorney's fees and expenses, including the fees and expenses of an attorney ad litem. See Texas Estates Code §§ 352.051, 1155.054, & 1155.101. The factors to be considered in determining the reasonableness of attorney's fees are set forth in Rule 1.04 of the Texas Rules of Professional Conduct. One factor is the customary hourly rates of attorneys with similar education and skills performing similar services. The Court finds that the deposit required for the services of an attorney ad litem should be commensurate.

It is therefore **ORDERED** that **effective October 2, 2023**, each applicant in a case filed in Travis County Probate Court No. 2 that requires the appointment of an attorney ad litem will be required to deposit $600.00 toward the services of the attorney ad litem. If the Court orders payment of less than $600.00, the excess will be refunded to the applicant. If the Court orders payment of more than $600.00, the order will indicate how the additional fee will be paid.

Signed October 2, 2023.

Nicholas Chu, Judge Presiding

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