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Re: IN THE MATTER OF STANDARDIZED FORMS RELATED TO THE PROTECTION  
OF CHILDREN FROM ABUSE AND NEGLECT: ADKT 0571

Dear Ms. Brown and Honorable Justices of the Nevada Supreme Court:

I am writing to join in the comments provided by the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada ("LACSN") regarding ADKT 0571. As you may know, Washoe Legal Services represents all children in cases under NRS 432B in Washoe, Carson City, and Lyon counties.

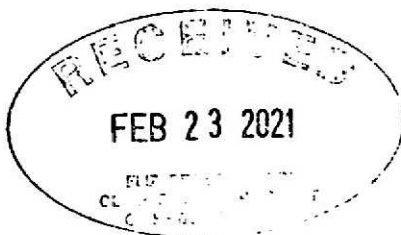
We agree that NRS 432B.500(c) does not allow for the dual role of attorney to the child and guardian ad litem. We are also concerned that such a requirement would create conflicts between the attorney's role as attorney for the child – which requires advocating for the child – versus the best interest of the child standard required for the guardian ad litem.

For these reasons, we join in the LACSN's request that the Order and Appointment of Guardian Ad Litem form not include the requirement that the attorney appointed for the child "act in the dual capacity of Attorney and GAL."

Sincerely,

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