IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE JUDICIAL BRANCH'S GUARDIAN AD LITEM (GAL)/ATTORNEY FOR MINOR CHILD (AMC) TRAINING PROGRAM

As a follow up to the e-mail below from September 2014, a notice and request for information was sent out via e-mail on June 30, 2015 to individuals who have completed the Judicial Branch's Guardian Ad Litem (GAL)/Attorney for Minor Child (AMC) training program. The substance of the e-mail is as follows:

By August 15, 2015 please reply to <u>GALAMCFA@jud.ct.gov</u> with the following information even if you replied last September:

- 1. Please indicate whether you want your name to remain on the list of those eligible for appointment.
- 2. If you would like to remain on the list, please ensure that you have provided the information below. If you replied in September 2014 and have updated information since then, please provide it now.

If we do not hear from you by August 15, 2015, or if you indicated that you would like to stay on the list, but by August 15, 2015 have not provided us with the information requested in the September 2014 e-mail below, your name will be removed from this list. It may be reinstated only by contacting this e-mail address to request reinstatement. If you wish to continue to serve, please provide us with the requested information by August 15, 2015.

Please also be reminded:

P.A. 14-3 requires the GAL/AMC to file an affidavit regarding expenses with the court "not later than 30 days after entry of final judgment." The Judicial Branch has created form *JD-FM-225 Affidavit of Expenses of Counsel or Guardian ad Litem for Minor Child or Children* for this purpose. This form is required in all cases where you are appointed as GAL or AMC in a Family Matter. Failure to comply with this provision could result in sanctions by the court.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to hearing from you.

Hon. Patrick L. Carroll III Chief Court Administrator

From: GAL & AMC Family

Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2014 4:35 PM

To: GAL & AMC Family

Subject: Judicial Branch Request for Updated Information

Good Day,

In anticipation of the October 1st effective date of Public Act 14-3 as amended by Public Act 14-207, the Judicial Branch is asking for updated information from those who appear on the <u>list of</u>

<u>individuals</u> qualified to be appointed guardian ad litem or attorney for minor child in a family matter.

Please reply to this e-mail with the following updated information by September 24, 2014:

- Your current work E-mail address
- Languages in which you are proficient
- City/Town in which your office is located
- Whether your office is accessible to individuals with disabilities
- Your academic degree(s) (for example, JD, MSW, LMFT, etc.)
- Your current years of professional experience

And please also answer the following question:

 There may be some cases where the court will be required to appoint a guardian ad litem or an attorney for a minor child who will be subject to a sliding scale fee structure. Would you be willing to accept such appointments? (The <u>sliding scale fee chart</u> is attached to this e-mail.)

Thank you for taking the time to provide this important updated information. Your reply by **September 24, 2014** is greatly appreciated.