

FILED FOR RECORD  
KRYSTAL VALDEZ  
ELLIS COUNTY CLERK

**ELLIS COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 1  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**                    §                    **IN THE ELLIS COUNTY**  
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**2025-3**    §                    **COURT AT LAW NO. 1**

**ORDER REGARDING GUARDIANSHIP AD LITEM FEE DEPOSIT**

In all applicants to appoint a Temporary and/or Permanent Guardian a deposit for the fee for Attorney Ad Litem shall be paid at the time of filing unless the applicant concurrently files an affidavit of indigency that complies with TRCP 145 or is filing through the Ellis County Volunteer Guardian program. The Attorney Ad Litem deposit shall be held by the County Clerk in the registry of the Court to be disbursed to the Attorney Ad Litem appointed in the case upon Order of the Court.

Effective August 18, 2025 the deposit amount shall be \$600 if only a Permanent Guardianship is sought and should cover the majority of uncontested cases. If a Temporary Guardianship is sought, the deposit amount shall be \$1,500 given the expedited time frame, the increased complexity and greater likelihood of a contest. The administrative fee is waived when the deposited funds are distributed.

The Clerk shall forward the case to the Court upon filing so that an Attorney Ad Litem may be appointed. This Order supersedes Administrative Order 2024-3.

Ordered this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025

  
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Jim Chapman  
Judge, Ellis County Court at Law No. 1