

**INFORMATION SESSION ON ROLE OF GUARDIAN
AD LITEM IN CHILD PROTECTION CASES**

Monday, Nov. 28, 2022

The Nova Scotia Supreme Court (Family Division) is offering an information session at the Sydney courthouse this Friday, Dec. 2, for lawyers and guardians interested in the role of the guardian ad litem in child protection cases.

What: *The Guardian ad Litem – “An Essential Voice”*

When: 1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m., Friday, Dec. 2, 2022

Where: Courtroom 6, 136 Charlotte St., Sydney

Individuals have the option to attend in person or virtually via Microsoft Teams. Lunch will be provided at 12:30 p.m. for those attending in person.

A guardian ad litem, or litigation guardian, is an adult who appears in court on behalf of a person who is under the age of majority or who is not mentally competent. Certain requirements must be met before a person can act as a litigation guardian, including the need to be represented by a lawyer.

This information session will be co-chaired by The Hon. Lawrence O’Neil, Associate Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (Family Division) and Jillian Barrington, Barrister and Solicitor.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Trish Thompson at trish.thompson@courts.ns.ca and indicate whether you plan to attend virtually or in person. Those attending virtually will receive a Teams invite to their email.