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COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION
CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO

The State of Ohio
Cuyahoga County

I, The Clerk of the Court
Of Common Pleas within
And for said County

Hereby certify that the above and foregoing is truly
Taken and copied from the original Order

Now on file in my office
Witness my hand and seal of said Court this 30th
Day of April A.D. 20 20
CUYAHOGA COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS
By [Signature] Deputy

IN RE
ORDER REGARDING GUARDIAN AD LITEM
INVESTIGATIONS

The Judges of the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division make the following findings of fact:

- 1) Consistent with the State of Ohio Stay at Home Order and to maintain appropriate social distancing, Guardians ad Litem appointed pursuant to Superintendence Rule 48 may suspend the in-person interviews with parents, children and other relevant parties where such in-person contact would be impracticable or inadvisable.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

- 1) Guardian ad Litem (hereafter known as GAL) investigations will continue.
- 2) In his or her sole discretion, the Guardian ad Litem may conduct his or her investigation and interviews utilizing videoconferencing.
- 3) Upon the GAL's request to interview parents or children, or to inspect the home via videoconferencing, the parents must respond immediately, but no later than three days.
- 4) If a GAL determines that an interview of the child(ren) via videoconferencing is necessary or otherwise warranted, the GAL shall be permitted to interview the child(ren) via videoconference. The following rules apply:
 - a) No parent or third party shall be physically present in the room with the child(ren) during the GAL's videoconference interview;
 - b) No parent or third party shall monitor in any way, interfere, coach, provide notes to the child(ren), or otherwise obstruct or impede the GAL's interview of the child(ren);
 - c) Monitoring includes listening or recording the GAL's videoconference of the child(ren);
 - d) During the interview with the child(ren), no cell phones are permitted to be in the with the child(ren), except one being used for the purpose of conducting the videoconference; and
 - e) The child(ren) must be in a private room in an environment free from distractions.

This order will be published on the website of the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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[Signature] 4.30.2020
JUDGE LESLIE ANN CELEBREZZI
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

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