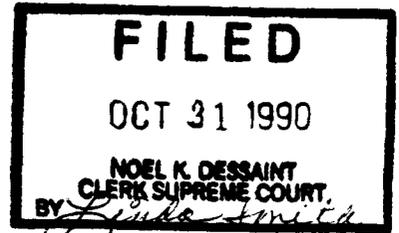


SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

ARIZONA JUDICIAL COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE COURTS

Court Appointed Special Advocate Task Force

Administrative Order No. 90-48



In accordance with Administrative Order 90-13, the Chief Justice may establish advisory committees/task forces to the Arizona Judicial Council to assist the Council in carrying out its responsibilities.

IT IS ORDERED THAT a task force on guardian ad litem representation is hereby established and shall be known as the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Task Force.

**PURPOSES.** The Committee on Juvenile Courts was established to facilitate communications and problem solving among the juvenile court judges in regard to juvenile court matters. It was also convened to identify the needs of the juvenile court for all children within the jurisdiction of the court and for children otherwise involved in the judicial system and advocate for fair and equal treatment of children. The Court Appointed Special Advocate Task Force shall assist this process by helping to ensure compliance in the State of Arizona with PL 93-247, the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. This shall occur through the development and recommendation of a legislative mandate for the appointment of guardians ad litem for every child in a dependency action where the petition alleges abuse or neglect.

**MEMBERSHIP.** Committee membership and leadership shall be appointed by the Chief Justice.

**TERM OF MEMBERSHIP.** Task force members shall be appointed until completion of the task force's work.

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS.** Task force members shall attend and actively participate in Task Force meetings and shall assist in the administration of the Task Force.

**STAFF.** Under the direction of the Chief Justice, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide staff for the Task Force and may coordinate research as recommended by the Task Force.

DATED AND ENTERED this 31st Day of October, 1990 at the State Capitol in Phoenix, Arizona.

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FRANK X. GORDON, JR.,  
Chief Justice