

Committee Opinion
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LEGAL ETHICS OPINION 608

GUARDIAN AD LITEM – APPEARANCE
OF IMPROPRIETY/CONFLICT OF
INTEREST.

It is not improper for an attorney to serve as guardian ad litem in a mental health commitment hearing when a superior/subordinate relationship exists between the attorney's wife/director of social work services and a social worker who testifies in the hearing about the ward, whether or not the ward who is the subject of the hearing is capable of giving informed consent. [DR:5-105, DR:9-101, EC:9-2]

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