

Becoming a 26.09/26.12 GAL

There are two phases to becoming a 26.09/26.12 GAL

1. You must timely turn in a complete application. The complete application includes documentation that you have taken the 4-day state mandated GAL course, provided documentation of a criminal background check and other items.
2. If your application is accepted, you will be a Provisional GAL.

To begin, Provisional GALs will not have any of their own cases but will be job shadowing an experienced GAL, communicating with their Mentor, and attending in-house educational. Please refer to the Mentoring and Job Shadow link for additional information.

When approved by their Mentor, a Provisional GAL will begin their first case and continue mentoring and attending in-house education seminars. Provisional GALs will have their reports and work reviewed by their Mentor. Please refer to the In-house training link for dates and subject matters.

By December 31, the Provisional GAL will provide the Court with a Declaration of Mentoring Completion form describing the tasks and requirements completed to date.

The Declaration of Mentoring Completion and a report from the Mentor will be considered by the GAL Committee, and the Provisional GAL may:

1. graduate from Provisional status,
2. may continue on Provisional status, or
3. may be excluded from the Registry.