

License Application Review

Applications in need of further review by either Director, Board or Legal, please complete this form and follow process to provide to appropriate reviewer.

Date Application Received: 11/05/2024

Date Application Considered Complete: N/A

Name of Applicant: Ralph Morin

License Profession: Guardian Ad Litem

License Status: NEW RENEWAL REINSTATEMENT

License Number (if applicable):

Reason for Possible Denial (Explanation and Statue):

Reviewed By: Christine Browning

Date: 11/06/2024

Additional Comments:

Please review the continuing education approval request for Guardian Ad Litem licensee Ralph Morin.

Final Decision:

Date:

Licensee Notified:

Person Facility Search | New Applicant Search | Clear | Add Person

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Name / License Type	Address/License Address	Subtype	License Number	Hold/Alert	Issue Date	Expiration Date	License Status
MORIN, RALPH A Guardian ad Litem	PO BOX 8 Plymouth NH 03264 PO BOX 8 Plymouth NH 03264		00064		03/16/2018	03/16/2026	Active

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Person Details ^

First Name: RALPH
 Middle Name: A
 Last Name: MORIN
 Suffix:
 Address Line 2:
 Address Line 1: PO BOX 8
 Address Line 4: Plymouth NH 03264
 Address Line 3:
 Registration Code: 10812231
 PersonId: 11565543
 Date of Birth: 11/15/1954
 Gender: Male
 SSN:

License Details ^

Profession: Guardian ad Litem
 License Type: Guardian ad Litem
 Sub Type:
 License Number: 00064
 Status: Active
 Date This Status: 05/22/2024
 State/Prov:
 from Country:
 Issue Date: 03/16/2018
 Effective Date: 03/16/2018
 Expiration Date: 03/16/2026
 Date Last Renewal: 05/22/2024
 Number of Renewals: 2
 Application Recd Date: 08/09/2007
 Obtained By: Application
 Reinstatement App Recd
 Date:
 Renewal Id:
 Applicant Number: 1595248

Alias Details ^

Alias Type	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
No Data			

Requirements Details ^

Name	Status	Date
No Data		

Employment Details ^

Employer Name	Primary Employer Flag	Start Date	End Date
No Data			

Education Details ^

School Type	Profession	Date Enrolled	Credit Hours
No Data			

Probate Court Details ^

Brentwood:
 Concord:
 Dover:
 Haverhill:
 Keene:
 Laconia:
 Lancaster:
 Nashua:
 Newport:
 Ossipee:

Continuing Ed Details ^

Cycle Name	Date Completed	Credits Taken	Result
Current cycle		0.00	Not checked
Last cycle	02/22/2024	38.00	Passed
Other old cycles	02/03/2021	0.00	Waived

District Court Details ^

Berlin:
 Brentwood:
 Candia:
 Claremont:
 Colebrook:
 Concord:
 Conway:
 Derry:

Family Court Details ^

Berlin:
 Brentwood:
 Claremont:
 Colebrook:
 Concord:
 Conway:
 Derry:
 Dover:

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Haverhill:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hillsborough:	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Ossipee:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Plaistow:	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Portsmouth:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rochester:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Salem:	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Rochester:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Salem:	<input type="checkbox"/>

Superior Division

Details ^

Belknap:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carroll:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cheshire:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coos:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grafton:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hillsborough North:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hillsborough South:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Merrimack:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rockingham:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strafford:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sullivan:	<input type="checkbox"/>

Questions from Web

Details ^

Question	Answer
No Data	

Person Or Facility Document

Details ^

Document Name	Document Type	Description	Profession
Morin, CE Course A pproval Request, Board of GAL, 10262023.pdf	Other	Morin, CE Course A pproval Request, rec'd via mail 10/25/2023	<any>
opl.c.galit.morin.e mail.02-21-2024.ms g	Other	sent gal course list	<any>
opl.c.galit.morin.e mail.02-28-2024.ms g	Reply	requesting bgr and central registry for renewal	<any>

License Document

Details ^

Document Name	Document Type	Description	Profession
rmorin.pdf	<Please Choose a Document>	renewal application 2021	Guardian ad Litem
ralph-central registry.pdf	<Please Choose a Document>	central registry	Guardian ad Litem
opl.c.galit.morin.dcyf registry .03-19-2024.pdf	Central Registry Form	DCYF Central Registry Form	Guardian ad Litem

Discipline Flag (UDO)

Details ^

check to flag discipline:	<input type="checkbox"/>
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OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION
DIVISION OF LICENSING AND BOARD ADMINISTRATION
7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03301
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**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF CONTINUING
EDUCATION ACTIVITY NOT LISTED IN GAL 403.03**

Instructions:

1. Please review rules prior to submitting request.
2. Please fill out a separate form for each course.
3. Attach additional pages as necessary.
4. Please attach the agenda, presenter bios and course descriptions with each request.

1. Name of GAL making request: Ralph A. Morin

2. Does this activity:

- a. Simply involve independent reading or study by the person claiming the credit?
 Yes No

Note: If you answered, "yes" to this question, the activity would not qualify for credit unless it is an activity approved for continuing legal education under New Hampshire Supreme Court Rule 53 which meets the requirements of Gal 403.02 (a), (c), (d), and (e). See Gal 403.02 (b) and Gal 403.03 (f), (g). Rule 53-approved approved activities that meet the requirements of Gal 403.02 (a), (c), (d), and (e) need not be specially approved.

- b. Simply involve the experience of actual service as a guardian ad litem?
 Yes No

Note: If you answered, "yes" to this question, the activity would not qualify for credit. See Gal 403.02 (d).

3. Title of class, seminar, training, activity: DV, Intimate Partner Violence & Coercive Control

4. Please provide a detailed description of the activity that you wish to claim for credit, including in your answer the subject areas covered or to be covered i.e. (attach additional pages as needed):

Please review Attached Conference Overview

5. What are/were the date(s) on which the activity was/will be conducted?

November 21, 2024 from 8:30 to 5:00 pm

6. Who is presenting the activity (attach additional pages as needed):

a. Name: MA Guardian ad Litem Association

b. Address: Massachusetts Association of Guardians ad Litem, Inc.
Post Office Box 304
Franklin, MA 02038

c. Please check the appropriate box:

The sponsor is a person or persons and I have attached the curriculum vitae of each person to this request [*Curriculum vitae of each is required. See Gal 403.06 (c) (3)*]

The sponsor is an organization or entity other than an individual and I have completed Item 5. D. below.

d. If the sponsor is an organization or entity other than an individual, please provide:

i. A description of the organization or entity:

Massachusetts Guardian ad Litem Association

ii. A description of the purpose of the organization or entity:

7. Regardless of whether the sponsor of the activity is an organization, an individual, a number of individuals or another entity, please provide the following:

a. The name or names of the person or persons who will actually be presenting, or who actually did present, the activity: [*If curriculum vitae is attached, it is not necessary to paraphrase. State "see curriculum vitae"*]:

Please see attached summary of training and the presenters.

8. Please provide a summary of the reasons that the activity is believed to qualify for continuing education credit under the standards set forth at Gal 403.02. *[Attach additional pages as needed. See Gal 403.02 for specific requirements. Generally, continuing education claimed for credit must relate to activities undertaken by GALs in the State of New Hampshire; with certain exceptions, not simply involve independent reading or study; not merely introduce members of the general public to the activities of GALs; not simply involve the experience of actual service as a GAL; and accomplish one or more of the following objectives: (1) Update or enhance the professional knowledge, skill or competence of the GAL; or (2) Provide the GAL with opportunities for professional growth and development specifically related to GAL practice.*

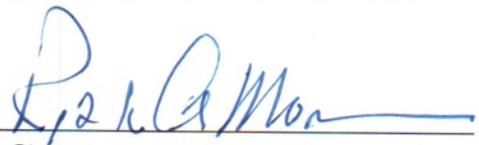
This is a comprehensive training on the challenges of Domestic Violence and coercive Control v



9. What number of continuing education hours do you seek to have credited for this activity?

7.5 Hours

By signing below I certify that all the information provided in this request is true and accurate, to the best of my knowledge;



Signature

11/03/2024

Date

Ralph A. Morin, GAL

Print Name

Pursuant to RSA 641:3, false statements made on this form are punishable by law.



MAGAL

MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF
GUARDIANS AD LITEM

MAGAL PRESENTS:

***Domestic Violence, Intimate Partner Violence
and Coercive Control:
What You See and What You Don't See***

**Thursday, November 21, 2024
8:30 am – 5:00 pm**

**The Conference Center at Waltham Woods, Waltham, MA
and Virtually via Zoom
(Lunch included for in-person participants)**

This conference will highlight the following

- An overview of Domestic Violence/ Intimate Partner Violence (DV/IPV)
- How to identify and assess Coercive Control in families
- The current state of Massachusetts law regarding DV/IPV
- How the Probate and Family Court and those working with families grapple with issues of DV/IPV in light of current law
- The impact of DV/IPV on children

Faculty (in alphabetical order)

- David Adams, EdD
- Jane Appell, PhD
- Hon. Megan H. Christopher
- Lisa Fontes, PhD
- Sharon Gordetsky, PhD
- Linda Medeiros, JD
- Claudette B. Pierre, PhD
- Hon. Susan Ricci (Ret.)
- Erin Shapiro, JD
- Hon. Richard Simons
- Dante Spetter, PhD
- Gary Todd, JD

Conference Schedule

8:30 - 8:45 **Welcome & Introduction**

Thomas Ritter, JD, President of MAGAL
Linda Ouellette, JD, Education Committee Chairperson

8:45 - 10:15 **Coercive Control & Post-Separation Abuse**

Keynote Speakers: Lisa Fontes, PhD & David Adams, EdD

Overview of intimate partner violence and coercive control

- Coercive control dynamics and tactics
- How to distinguish high-conflict divorce from litigation abuse
- Deficits of parents who abuse their (ex)partner
- Ten concrete tips for figuring out what is really going on
- Definition of terms: parental alienation, DARVO, gaslighting, provoke & record, and spiteful disregard
- How to think about gender in domestic abuse

10:15 - 10:30 Break

10:30 - 12:00 **Keynote Speakers (continued)**

12:00 - 12:45 **Evolution of the Law Regarding Domestic Violence, Interpersonal Violence, and Coercive Control**

Linda Medeiros, JD

12:45 - 1:45 Lunch

1:45 - 3:15 **Assessing Children, Adolescents, and Families**

Dante Spetter, PhD, Moderator; Sharon Gordetsky, PhD;
Claudette B. Pierre, PhD; Jane Appell, PhD

- Establishment of safety when assessing allegations of DV/IPV in families
- Children's experiences of DV/IPV
- Key issues in the assessment of children and parents
- Appropriate recommendations for parent-child contact and treatment

3:15 - 3:30 **Break**

3:30 - 5:00 **Roundtable: Practical Implications of DV/IPV in Family Law Cases**

Hon. Susan Ricci (Ret.), moderator; Hon. Megan H. Christopher; Erin Shapiro, JD; Hon. Richard Simons; Gary Todd, JD

Keynote Presenters:

David Adams, EdD is Co-founder as well as Co-Director of Emerge, the first counseling program in the nation for men who abuse women, established in 1977. David has led groups for men who batter and conducted outreach to victims of abuse for 36 years. He has led parenting education classes for fathers for 12 years. He is one of the nation's leading experts on men who batter and has conducted trainings for social service and criminal justice professionals in 45 states and 16 nations. He has published numerous articles and book chapters. David serves as an expert witness in legal cases concerning intimate partner and child abuse and the best interests of the child. He is author of *Why Do They Kill?: Men Who Murder Their Intimate Partners*.

Lisa A. Fontes, PhD, an internationally known expert on coercive control, child abuse, intimate partner abuse, and sexual violence. She has written many journal articles and four books including *Invisible Chains: Overcoming Coercive Control in Your Intimate Relationship*, the second book ever written on coercive control. She is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Massachusetts Amherst in the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies. She has been qualified in seventeen states as an expert witness in family, civil, and criminal court on a range of cases concerning trauma, coercive control, best interests of the child, sexual violence, domestic abuse, child abuse, child development, sexual harassment, parental alienation, and more. You can find many of Dr. Fontes's articles relevant to coercive control and divorce at www.psychologytoday.com/intl/blog/invisible-chains, and other relevant articles at www.domesticshelters.org/about/contributing-writers/lisa-aranson-fontes-phd.

Additional Presenters:

Jane Appell, PhD is a psychologist in private practice in Lincoln, MA. Dr. Appell completed an internship at McLean Hospital and worked as a school psychologist prior to developing a practice with a focus on high conflict divorce. She has training in divorce mediation, collaborative divorce and family therapy. She has worked with families of divorce as a psychotherapist, mediator, parenting coordinator, and Guardian *ad Litem*, and has been an expert consultant to attorneys and mental health professionals. She is the author of *Divorce Doesn't Have to Be That Way: A Handbook for the Helping Professional*, and she is a consultant at the Tufts Comprehensive Family Evaluation Center. Dr. Appell is a founding member of MAGAL, a longtime board member, past President and former chair of the Education Committee. She also served on the board of the Massachusetts Psychological Association.

Hon. Megan Christopher was appointed in 2012 to serve as a Circuit Justice of the Probate and Family Court, sitting primarily in Suffolk County. A 1989 graduate of Northeastern University School of Law, she represented low-income clients at MetroWest Legal Services for over twenty years. During that time, she represented elders, family law litigants, parents of children with special needs, applicants for government benefits, and immigrants. She is a Trustee of the Massachusetts Bar

Foundation and a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts.

Sharon Gordetsky, PhD is a clinical assistant professor at Tufts School of Medicine serving as consultant and director of training at the Comprehensive Family Evaluation Center. After 45 years of assessing and treating children and families and conducting approximately 100 GAL evaluations, she now focuses on forensic consultation and expert testimony. Dr. Gordetsky has appeared in the Boston media, providing advice about how to talk to children following the 9/11 attack. She served as president of the Massachusetts Psychological Association (MPA) and served as a member of the American Psychological Association task force on the UN convention on the rights of children. MPA awarded her the Kenneth Herman PhD, JD, career contribution award for "exceptional commitment to advancing psychology as a science and profession and as a means of promoting human welfare." She has done several presentations on the child's voice in custody evaluations.

Linda Medeiros, JD established her North Shore practice in 1992, concentrating in complex family law and child welfare matters. She is a graduate of Northeastern University School of Law (1991) and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst (1986). She is an experienced practitioner and litigator representing parents and children in all aspects of divorce, custody, guardianship and adoption proceedings in the Probate & Family Court. She currently represents parents and children in child welfare matters in the Massachusetts Appeals Court and Supreme Judicial Court. She has authored materials and lectured for numerous MCLE programs, including programs sponsored by the Children and Family Law Program and the Probate & Family Court.

Claudette Pierre, PhD received her Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University. She completed her pre- and post-doctoral work at UCLA's Neuropsychiatric Institute, advanced clinical fellowship in family forensics at Massachusetts General Hospital's Children and the Law Program, and advanced training in couples and family therapy. Dr. Pierre has held academic positions at Harvard, Tufts, Boston University and the State University of New York at Stony Brook. She is a past President of MAGAL, a previous chair of the Education Committee and a present board member. She serves as co-chair of the Ethics committee and co-chair of the Disaster Resource Network for the Massachusetts Psychological Association. Dr. Pierre maintains a full-time psychotherapy practice in Back Bay (Boston) where she sees couples, adolescents, and adults.

Hon. Susan Ricci (ret.) was an Associate Justice of the Probate & Family Court from 1993 to 2014. Prior to her appointment to the bench, she was in private practice for nine years. Since 2014, Judge Ricci has provided private mediation, conciliation and arbitration services. She is a member of the Inns of Courts and the Family Law Steering Committee of the Boston Bar Association. She was appointed to the Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee and serves on the Board of Directors of MAGAL.

Erin Shapiro, JD is a partner with the Boston law firm of Atwood & Cherny and currently is a managing partner in Northborough, Massachusetts. She has been

involved in complex family law disputes on the trial and appellate levels for over twenty-six years. She is regularly appointed as a Discovery Master, Guardian *ad Litem*, and Conciliator by the Probate and Family Court. Erin engages in pro bono work under the Worcester Probate & Family Courts Attorney Representing Children Program. She is a member of multiple bar associations in addition to MAGAL. She has published and lectured widely on family law issues. She has been recognized in The Best Lawyers in America and Massachusetts Super Lawyers.

Hon. Richard Simons currently serves as the First Justice of the Berkshire Division of the Probate and Family Court. He is Chair of the Court's Education Committee and is a Trustee of the Flaschner Judicial Institute. He serves on the Advisory Committee for both the J2J Mentor Program and Changing Lives Through Literature Committee. When not on the bench, he spends his time with family and pedaling his bike through the beautiful Berkshire Hills.

Dante Spetter, PhD is a Licensed Psychologist who specializes in working with children and families. She serves as a Guardian *ad Litem* and an Expert Witness in the Probate and Family Court and the Juvenile Court. Dr. Spetter earned her PhD in Clinical Psychology, specializing in Pediatric Health Psychology, from the University of Miami in 1991. She has taught courses in human development at Harvard and Tufts over a period of more than 25 years. Dr. Spetter spent 10 years consulting and training pediatricians, health professionals and psychiatric residents at Tufts Medical Center prior to opening her private practice in Arlington. She is a founding member of MAGAL and is presently a consultant to the Comprehensive Family Evaluation Center at Tufts Medical Center, where she is an Assistant Clinical Professor.

Gary Todd, JD is a Founding Partner at Todd & Weld LLP. He is a family law practitioner specializing in domestic relations and probate litigation. He has successfully negotiated, mediated and tried numerous family law issues at the trial court and appellate levels, including divorce, custody, parental rights, complex support matters, property division, removal, modification, contempt actions, and complex financial valuation. He has also served as Special Master, Discovery Master, Guardian, Conservator, and Attorney for Children. He was recently President of the Massachusetts Family and Probate American Inn of Court, is on the Board of Trustees at New England School of Law, is a Board Member of MAGAL, a Board Member and President of the Greater Newburyport Bar Association and is an Executive Committee Member of the Judge Abber Counsel Assisted Negotiation Program for Essex, Middlesex and Norfolk Counties Probate and Family Courts.