

**TITLE 8: FAMILY LAW AND PROBATE**  
**DIVISION 1: DOMESTIC RELATIONS**

**§ 1985. Persons Prohibited from Appointment as Guardian Ad Litem.**

No person may be appointed as a guardian ad litem for a juvenile, other minor or other legally incompetent individual in any proceeding if that person has a criminal history that poses a risk to children; these include but are not limited to:

- (a) Violent felonies in which an individual threatens to cause, attempts to cause or causes serious bodily injury;
- (b) Violent sexual offenses as defined by CNMI law, or similar offenses in other jurisdictions;
- (c) Criminal sex offense against a minor as defined by CNMI law or other similar offenses in other jurisdictions;
- (d) Child abuse or neglect as defined by CNMI law or similar offenses in other jurisdictions;
- (e) Violations of the CNMI Minor Children Firearms Control Act or similar offenses in other jurisdictions;
- (f) Distribution of a controlled substance to persons under 18 as defined by CNMI law or similar offenses in other jurisdictions.

All other criminal histories will be evaluated based on the nature and severity of the incident; the identity of the victim; the length of time since the incident; whether any specific pattern of criminal behavior exists; and specific efforts the individual has made towards rehabilitation.

**Source:** PL 16-47, § 35(e), modified.

**Commission Comment:** The Commission changed capitalization for conformity pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(f).