

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

File no: _____

Assigned Judge: _____

_____,)
Plaintiff(s),)
v.)
_____,)
Defendant(s).)
_____)

**MOTION TO APPOINT
THE CHILD'S ADVOCATE
OR PRO BONO ATTORNEY**

Plaintiff / Defendant (circle one) files this motion to have The Child's Advocate, a project of Legal Aid of North Carolina, appointed as attorney for the minor child(ren), whose custody is at issue in this case.

In support of this Motion, the undersigned states as follows:

1. There is a controversy in this action concerning the minor child(ren):

_____, born _____
_____, born _____.

2. It is appropriate to have an attorney appointed for the child(ren) because of:

- Consideration of supervised visitation, terminating or suspending visitation with a parent, or awarding custody or visitation to a non-parent
- The child's concerns or views
- Harm to the child due to illegal or excessive drug or alcohol abuse by a child or a party
- Allegations/findings of child sexual or physical abuse
- Child abduction, or risk of future abduction
- Allegations/findings of domestic violence
- Past or present mental health problems of a child or a party
- Special physical, educational, or mental health needs of a child requiring investigation or advocacy
- A high level of acrimony
- Child resisting/refusing visitation
- Relocation that could substantially reduce the child's time with a parent or sibling
- A need for more evidence relevant to the best interest of the child
- A need to minimize the harm to the child from ongoing litigation

- Inappropriate adult influence or manipulation
- Other _____

- 3. The undersigned has contacted the other party directly or through counsel if represented.
- 4. The other party **consents/objects** (circle one) to the appointment of an attorney for the child.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Court appoint the The Child's Advocate as attorney for the minor child(ren): _____

_____.

This the _____ day of _____, 20__.

Plaintiff / Attorney for Plaintiff
 Defendant / Attorney for Defendant
Name: _____
Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____
Email Address: _____

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served all parties, or their attorneys, and The Child's Advocate with the foregoing **Motion to Appoint TCA or Pro Bono Attorney**, by placing a copy in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

The Child's Advocate
P.O. Box 106
Raleigh, NC 27602

Plaintiff/Attorney for Plaintiff

Name: _____

Address: _____

Defendant/Attorney for Defendant

Name: _____

Address: _____

This the _____ day of _____, 20__.

Plaintiff / Attorney for Plaintiff

Defendant / Attorney for Defendant

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Email Address: _____