

The Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office seeks licensed attorneys for its Escambia and Santa Rosa County offices to represent abused, abandoned, and neglected children in Florida's child welfare system.

The Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office is Florida's award-winning, state-funded child advocacy organization. With more than 10,000 staff and volunteers, including over 180 attorneys on staff. Its primary focus is a powerful and effective representation of Florida's abused, neglected, and abandoned children. Most of these children are abruptly removed from their homes, and sadly, many end up in foster care. The Office's mission is to provide the most vulnerable children in Florida with an adult from their community who will be a consistent, positive presence in the child's life as part of a multi-disciplinary team that includes an attorney, child welfare professional and hopefully a community volunteer providing the highest quality community advocacy and legal representation to protect each child's legal interests.

Employment applications are currently being accepted for these positions:

- Guardian ad Litem Senior Attorney in Pensacola, FL
- Guardian ad Litem Senior Attorney in Milton, FL

Persons not meeting the published experience requirement are encouraged to apply and may be considered for entry-level attorney positions. In addition to these Circuit One attorney opportunities, various opportunities exist with the Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office and may be explored at jobs.myflorida.com.

As a full-time employee with the State of Florida, your compensation package will include a competitive benefits package comprising:

- State of Florida Retirement package Pension or investment plan (3% employee contribution required)
- Health Insurance Individual coverage costs as low as \$8.34 per month for attorney positions; Family coverage costs as low as \$30 per month for attorney positions.
- (Nine) Paid state holidays
- (One) Paid personal holiday
- Paid sick leave hours
- Paid Annual leave hours
- Life insurance of \$25,000 is provided by the state at no cost additional cost, with the Employee option to purchase additional coverage
- Additional supplemental insurances, such as dental, vision, disability, etc., are available.
- Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program eligibility
- Florida Bar annual dues are paid by the employer, contingent on agency approval.

The Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office also provides pro bono opportunities for licensed attorneys in our community. Those interested in contributing to our Office's mission in a pro bono capacity may contact Circuit One Managing Attorney Caleb Cosson at Caleb.Cosson@gal.fl.gov or 850.633.4483.