

# CIVIL MATTERS

## Appointments of Guardian Ad Litem

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The Supreme Court has asked me to advise you that in making appointments of guardians ad litem pursuant to *R. 4:26-2* the name or names of nominees suggested by the person filing an account or by any person having an interest adverse to the infant or incompetent should not be accepted. For this reason any party suggesting a nominee should be required to certify, or furnish a certification, that neither the party nor the nominee has any interest adverse to that of the infant or incompetent. In cases where the application is made upon a verified petition pursuant to *R. 4:26-2(b)(2)* and where any such conflict of interest is absent, the Supreme Court is of the view that the petitioner's nominee should be appointed unless the court finds good cause why such nominee should not be appointed, which reason should be stated for the record. The Supreme Court has also asked me to remind you that appointments should never be made on the basis of political considerations or personal friendship.

The Supreme Court will appreciate your complete cooperation in carrying out the above policies.

### EDITOR-S NOTE

*R. 4:26-2* has been substituted for *R. 4:30-2*. No other changes have been made.