

GAL: WRITTEN Testimony Demirali January 9, 2014

\$80,000 is what my ex-husband, and I were forced to pay our guardian, Attorney Haley Veller. We are middle class, and we had to sell our home, go through our savings and take out loans to pay for the GAL and our attorneys. How can the State of CT put a cap on GAL fees but the common person can't? Why are we being legally forced to provide a living for these select attorneys?

We have no rights, and the GAL has complete immunity with no oversight. My daughter is now a sophomore in high school, and I have saved nothing for college because of this.

A GAL can bill, and there is no one to complain to and actually the parties are afraid to complain because the GAL has ultimate power.

Look at my bills and see how many times Attorney Haley Veller indicates "telephone calls or review of file, review of e-mails," etc. You have no idea who she is calling or what she is reviewing. This is known as "padding the bill".

Why was our Guardian filing Protective Orders, Motions to Produce and claiming attorney work product privilege? This is not how a Guardian Ad Litem should behave. BUT this is EXACTLY how an Attorney behaves looking out for the best interest of her wallet.

The Court ordered our children see Dr. Sidney Horowitz, who is typically referred by the courts and makes a lot of money doing this and also ordered we go to the PEACE program paying \$200 a visit. This is a money machine out of control.

I learned to try to limit this legal money extortion by trying to not contact the GAL. I had to spend my money on providing for my children not on some attorney GAL.

I filed a Grievance against the Guardian, and the Grievance Committee just automatically stamped denied with no explanation, no hearing, no contact - nothing.

I eventually ran out of money. I owed my own attorney \$24,000 and the guardian \$7,000. My attorneys wrote that off, but the Guardian filed a Motion for Contempt against me refusing to work out a payment plan.

While the Guardian pursued her Motion, my ex-husband almost died in a very serious car accident, and the Guardian began billing again.

Judge Buzzuto ordered me to pay the Guardian within 2 weeks, or I would go to jail. The court threatened to put one parent in jail while the other parent was fighting for his life in a coma in order to pay the Guardian. The message was clear: judges protect their own - the attorneys. Attorneys should not be Guardians.

At that time, the Guardian never saw the children or asked how they were, even though a month prior she recommended I should not have custody of them. My attorney told me fighting the bill would cost more than just paying it.

The last time the Guardian visited the children was in April 2010 over 3 1/2 years ago. A Guardian alone decides what to investigate.

In July 2013, the guardian charged me for reviewing her billing and e-mailed my attorney asking him to get me to stop questioning her about her billing. She didn't have all her bills, and she didn't file all her Fees with the Court.

For the last Custody Agreement, I demanded that she be terminated. I learned if you do not do that, she is permanently in the case and can continue billing at any time.

The reality is hard working families are being legally extorted for money by select attorneys who have no business being Guardian ad Litem and select psychologists. This Task Force needs to be transparent and have the courage and moral fortitude to do what is right for children and their families.

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Based on my experiences, I recommend the following that the Task Force should consider:

- **An attorney should not be a GAL.** Attorneys are trained to be Attorneys; they are not trained in psychology with children or families. They have no experience with children.
- **Guardians should not automatically be assigned a case.** There needs to be a burden of proof for needing one. Family Services provide the same service, but it's free.
- **There should be a cap on the amount charged and a cap on the hourly wage charged by a Guardian.** It should be the same as the State charges. Family Services would never do this amount of excessive work because they are not being paid by the hour.
- **GAL billing needs to be clear and detailed.** If the GAL bill states "telephone call" or "review or research", it needs to state exactly who they are speaking with and what they are reviewing or researching.
- **The Guardian's scope needs to be limited and clearly defined.** GALs should not attend depositions except their own deposition. They should not charge for reviewing correspondences or e-mails. They should not attend court unless they are there that day to give their opinion or recommendation. They should not be filing Motions unless it is for Guardian Fees. They should not be charging travel costs.
- **There needs to be an Oversight Committee** looking into any complaints, and the parents need to be given procedural safeguards regarding this and their parental rights.
- There has to be a **standard form** signed by the parties agreeing to a Guardian.
- Parties should have information about a Guardian and be allowed to choose their Guardian if one needs to be assigned.
- **Guardians must file an Affidavit for Fees with the Court and the Oversight Committee.**
- **Guardians must attend training every year, and a certified letter indicating their attendance needs to be electronically filed.**
- **Guardians need to be certified.**
- **Guardians should not have complete immunity.** Even the President of the United States does not have complete immunity.
- **There needs to be an evaluation** completed by the parents stating how the GAL did and this needs to be filed with court and the oversight committee. This should be done electronically, and the records should be accessible to the public.
- **At the conclusion of an Agreement or Judgment, a GAL should be terminated and not allowed to continue billing.**
- **The Task Force should gather a list of GALs and amount made per year as well as money made from Dr. Sidney Horowitz, the PEACE program and Focus on Kids and other programs from divorced families in the court system**

GAL BILLS

DOCKET NO.: FA 06-4010515 : SUPERIOR COURT
 WILLIAM LINNELL : J.D. OF WATERBURY
 VS. : AT WATERBURY
 LINDA LINNELL : FEBRUARY 7, 2008

AFFIDAVIT OF LEGAL FEES

1. I, Haley E. Veller, appointed as Guardian ad Litem for the minor children, Kelsey Linnell and Colby Linnell, in the above matter hereby states that I am over the age of eighteen and believe in the obligation of an oath;

2. That, in representing the interests of the said minor children, I have incurred the following legal fees:

Date		Hours
6/13/06	Court Date, Short calendar, new file	1.00
6/21/06	Meeting with Father, Teleconference with Attorneys	2.75
6/22/06	Meeting with Mother	3.00
6/24/06	Review all recent pleadings, review correspondence	1.00
6/26/06	Review information, Calls to 3 rd parties, teleconference with Mother, calls with counselors and calls with Attorneys	2.00
6/27/06	Discussed file with Attorney's	.25
6/28/06	Review correspondence, teleconference with Doctor teleconference with Peace Program	.50
7/5/06	Review new correspondence regarding teleconference with Dr. Habalo. Review new pleadings	2.00
7/7/06	Teleconference with Linda, Teleconference with Attorney's, wrote up file	.75
7/9/06	Reviewed file and tapes	2.00
7/10/06	File review and review of tapes, Court Date, Home visit with children	3.00
7/11/06	Teleconference with Attorney's office to arrange Boston	

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7/12/06	trip, Teleconference to Dr. Horowitz, research and review	1.50
	Review new pleadings and correspondence, teleconference with Dr. Horowitz, teleconference with Attorney and Father	
	Correspondence to Attorney's and teleconference with Mother. Home Visit	4.75
7/13/06	Discussed case with Family Relations Officer	.75
7/14/06	Review file, teleconference with Dr. Habalo, draft parenting proposal	2.00
7/16/06	Review more documentation	1.50
7/18/06	Review of paperwork provided by mother	.75
7/21/06	Teleconference with mother, teleconference with Attorney	.50
7/25/06	Teleconference with Attorney	.25
7/26/06	Review correspondence from Attorney, review message from mother	.20
7/27/06	Review of file information, review teleconference messages, correspondence to Attorney, teleconference with attorney	1.00
7/28/06	Review Attorney's proposal, teleconference with mother, teleconference to Attorney	.75
8/2/06	Review two messages from mother, teleconference with Bill, teleconference with attorneys, review correspondence, teleconference to Peace Program	1.00
8/3/06	Status Conference	3.00
8/7/06	Review recent correspondence	.50
8/8/06	Teleconference with Mother, teleconference with Father	.50
8/9/06	Teleconference with Attorney	.33
8/9/06	Review correspondence from both parents	.33
8/10/06	Teleconference with Family Relations Officer, teleconference with Attorney	.50
8/11/06	Meeting with Attorney and Linda	1.75
8/16/07	Teleconference with Attorneys, review correspondence emails to both attorneys, reviewed DCF reports, review documents	2.00
8/18/06	Teleconference with Father, correspondence from Mother, teleconference with Attorneys	1.00
8/19/06	Review Linda's paperwork re: school, dance, journal	2.00
8/20/06	Review correspondence, review records, calls to third parties	1.50
8/21/06	Teleconference with Wendy Habalo, review correspondence	

	from Attorney	.50
8/25/06	Review correspondence, teleconference with both parents	
	correspondence to both parties and attorneys	1.75
8/28/06	Teleconference with Attorney, review correspondence	
	from parties and attorneys, teleconference to Dr. Horowitz,	
	Teleconference to Dr. Horowitz, calls to doctors, review	
	File, prepare for court	1.00
8/29/06	Court Date- Status conference and report back	2.50
8/30/06	Review correspondence and messages from each party,	
	prepared agreement, faxed to both attorneys	2.50
9/1/06	Review changes to agreement, calls to Dr. Habalo	.25
9/5/06	Court appearance, research court file, teleconference	
	with Wendy Habalo	1.25
9/6/06	Teleconference with Attorney, Teleconference with Linda,	
	review new pleadings and correspondence	1.00
9/8/06	Discussion with school principal, meeting with Kelsey	2.00
9/10/06	Review file, review parents information, prepare for court	1.00
9/11/06	Review calls and correspondence, teleconference with	
	counselor, review file, prepare for court	2.00
9/12/06	Court Date, review notes, and prepare for court	7.00
9/13/06	Court Date	6.00
9/21/06	Teleconference with Attorney, review reports, review	
	file, prepare for court	1.00
9/22/06	Court Date	6.50
9/29/06	Home Visit	1.00
10/6/06	Phone Call with Dr. Horowitz and Dr. Habalo, Review	
	correspondence from each attorney, review pleadings and	
	correspondence to parents	1.50
10/10/06	Phone call with each Attorney, phone call with Linda	1.25
10/11/06	Review correspondence, teleconference message from	
	Linda, teleconference with attorney	.50
10/12/06	Phone call with Linda, phone conference with Dr. Friedman,	
	review correspondence	1.00
10/17/06	Teleconference with Dr. Horowitz, with Attorney, review	
	of file, call to Dr. Freidman	.25
10/19/06	Teleconference with both Attorneys, teleconference with	
	Linda, correspondence to all parties and Attorney's	1.50
10/20/06	Phone call with Attorney and call with Linda	1.50
10/25/06	Review various messages and emails, teleconference with	

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	Attorney	1.00
10/31/06	Review messages, emails, correspondence to all parties	.50
11/7/06	Review messages and emails, review pleadings, teleconference with attorney about deposition and court date	.50
11/10/06	Teleconference with Linda, review new email correspondence, teleconference with attorney	1.00
11/13/06	Review email correspondence, teleconference with Family Relations Officer	.50
11/14/06	Review new correspondence and emails, prepared motion	.50
11/15/06	Teleconference with Attorneys regarding stipulated agreement	1.00
11/16/06	Review Doctor's report, court date, home visit with kids and both parents	7.00
11/17/06	Review correspondence, teleconference with correspondence to Attorney Fasano	.25
11/27/06	Reviewed emails, teleconference with Bill, with Attorneys call to Dr. Friedman	.50
11/28/06	Deposition	1.00
11/29/06	Review email correspondence	.25
12/1/06	Review new pleadings, review correspondence, teleconference with Linda	.75
12/11/06	Review numerous email correspondence	.50
12/15/06	Review various emails, teleconference with Dr. Habalo	.25
12/18/06	Teleconference with Bill, review emails	.25
12/20/06	Teleconference from Bill, review emails	.25
12/21/06	Teleconference with Noel Breg	.25
12/29/06	Review various emails, review messages, teleconference with Attorney	.50
1/4/07	Teleconference with Attorney Brigham, meeting with Noel	.50
1/7/07	Review of new email correspondence	.25
1/10/07	Review emails, teleconference with Attorney and Father	.25
1/12/07	Teleconference with Attorney, review of file and orders, email correspondence to parents and Attorneys	.50
1/15/07	Review correspondence	.10
1/19/07	Review email correspondence	.25
1/24/07	Review emails and teleconference messages	.10
1/29/07	Home visit, review reports	3.50
1/30/07	Teleconference with Family Relations Officer, with	

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	third party references, reviewed records and reports and prepared for court date	2.00
1/31/07	Court Date- report back	3.50
2/2/07	Follow up teleconference with school	.25
2/5/07	Review weekly emails	.10
2/9/07	Review emails	.10
2/16/07	Review emails, teleconference with Noel, begin review of report	.75
2/18/07	Teleconference with Bill, calls with each attorney's office	.25
2/26/07	Review recent emails, teleconference with attorney regarding deposition	.25
2/27/07	Court Date, report back on Family Relations Officer Report, deposition's	5.25
2/28/07	Teleconference with Attorney, review correspondence	.25
3/5/07	Reviewed various emails	.25
3/12/07	Review new emails, research old emails regarding T-Ball issues, review Family Relations Officer's report regarding Easter	.50
3/15/07	Reviewed emails	.25
3/19/07	Review new pleadings and emails	.25
3/22/07	Teleconference with Wendy Habalo, review emails and phone messages	.50
4/3/07	Deposition	2.50
4/9/07	Review weekly emails	.10
4/13/07	Review new correspondence, teleconference with Peace Program, correspondence to Attorney's	.50
4/17/07	Teleconference with Attorneys, review emails	N/C .25
4/18/07	Review emails, teleconference with Bill, call with Linda	.75
4/19/07	Review messages and emails, teleconference to Attorney	.50
4/20/07	Correspondence to Attorneys, correspondence to parents	.25
4/30/07	Review various emails, review courts decision, review new pleadings, teleconference with Linda	1.25
5/3/07	Teleconference with Attorney, teleconference with Focus on Kids, correspondence to parents and to Attorneys	.25
5/4/07	Review new emails, correspondence with Bill	.10
5/8/07	Review correspondence, prepared responses	.25
5/9/07	Review emails, teleconference to Linda, call with Bill	.50
5/10/07	Teleconference with Linda, review court, teleconference to attorney	.50

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5/15/07	Review new emails, discuss with Attorney	.10
5/22/07	Review new emails, call to third parties	.25
5/23/07	Review emails, call with Bill, call with Linda, prepare information regarding vacations and forward to all parties and Attorneys. Teleconference with Dr. Horowitz	1.50
5/29/07	Review emails, teleconference with Attorneys regarding depositions	.25
5/31/07	Court Date, Status conference	1.50
6/6/07	Teleconference with Attorneys regarding deposition, review disclosure of expert	1.00
6/13/07	Teleconference with Dance instructor, review emails, correspondence to parents	.75
6/14/07	Teleconference with Linda, review new emails, correspondence to Bill	.50
6/15/07	Review new emails	.10
6/18/07	Teleconference with School, review new emails, voice message to Linda, email to Bill	1.00
6/26/07	Teleconference message to Linda, teleconference with Bill	.20
6/29/07	Teleconference with Linda, review various emails, email Bill regarding vacations, reviewed school report cards	1.50
7/2/07	Review emails, teleconference with Attorney Brigham	.25
7/6/07	Teleconference with Attorney, review emails, responding emails	.30
7/11/07	Teleconference with Bill, teleconference with Linda, review proposed orders	2.00
7/13/07	Review file	.50
7/16/07	Review emails, home visit with children	2.00
7/18/07	Review new information, review pretrial orders	1.75
7/19/07	Review emails, teleconference with Bill	.10
7/20/07	Teleconference with Linda	.50
7/25/07	Review emails, review reports/evaluations, review file, prepare for court date	1.50
7/26/07	Court Date- Special Masters Conference	9.00
7/27/07	Review proposal, teleconference with Attorney	1.00
7/30/07	Review new emails, discussed with Attorney	.25
7/31/07	Teleconference with Linda, email to Bill	.50
8/10/07	Review email correspondence, correspondence to Attorney	.25

8/15/07	Teleconference with Attorney, correspondence to Attorneys, review emails	.50
8/17/07	Teleconference with Bill, correspondence to Attorney and Linda, review emails	.50
8/20/07	Review of emails	.25
8/29/07	Review various emails, draft proposal	1.00
9/5/07	Review new emails, and messages, teleconference with Attorney	.50
9/6/07	Review emails, review messages, teleconference with Attorney, review Special Master's proposal	1.50
9/7/07	Draft correspondence and proposal, send to all parties and Attorneys	1.00
9/10/07	Review emails, respond correspondence	.25
9/12/07	Teleconference with both Attorneys, review email	.25
9/14/07	Review emails, call to school and bus company	1.00
9/20/07	Teleconference to Linda (left voice message), call to Attorney Ginzberg's office	N/C .10
9/21/07	Review messages, review emails, teleconference with Bill email correspondence to parties and Attorneys	.50
9/24/07	Review emails, call to Attorney, emails to both Attorneys	.25
9/26/07	Review emails, teleconference with Attorney, and with Attorney's office, review file and orders	.50
10/5/07	Review new emails	.20
10/9/07	Review new pleadings, discussed case with Attorney	.25
10/11/07	Review Linda's email correspondence, email to Bill, review past emails, teleconference to Linda	1.50
10/12/07	Review emails, review messages, respond correspondence	1.00
10/15/07	Teleconference with Linda, review notes, wrote up file	1.00
10/24/07	Review correspondence, call to court, call to Attorney call with Linda, wrote up file, review emails and list of issues, prepare for deposition/meeting	1.50
10/25/07	Deposition of Bill Linnell	4.00
10/26/07	Teleconference with both Attorneys, review correspondence from court, review new emails	.50
11/5/07	Review correspondence from court, review correspondence from both attorneys, review email correspondence, correspondence to attorneys	.75
11/7/07	Review correspondence	.10
11/14/07	Review court pleadings, review correspondence, call with	

	attorney, call to Linda (left voice message), correspondence with Dr. Horowitz	1.00
11/16/07	Teleconference with Linda, with Attorneys, correspondence to parties and attorneys	1.25
11/21/07	Review emails and voice mail messages, teleconference with Bill	1.00
11/28/07	Review emails, respond to court clerk	.25
11/30/07	Visit with each child at their school, teleconference with Noel Breg, wrote up file	4.00
12/5/07	Teleconference with Sidney Horowitz, review new emails, calls to Attorneys	.50
12/7/07	Teleconference with both Attorneys, teleconference with Bill, call to Linda, review new emails, calls with third Parties	1.00
12/8/07	Trial Preparation	7.00
12/10/07	Calls with Court, calls with Attorneys, review of Court pleadings, trial preparation	2.00
12/11/07	Teleconference with Noel Breg, trial preparation	2.00
12/12/07	Teleconference with Attorney, review Amendment, review emails, review and trial preparation, home visit at Bill's	5.50
12/14/07	Trial preparation, home visit at Linda's	5.50
12/16/07	Trial preparation and review	2.00
12/17/07	Court- Trial Date	8.00
12/18/07	Court- Trial Date	8.00
12/19/07	Court- Trial Date, review of Doctor Report	5.00
12/20/07	Court- Trial Date	8.00
12/21/07	Court- Trial Date	3.50
1/11/08	Trial Preparation, teleconference with both Attorneys prepare Motion and Affidavit	2.00
1/12/08	Trial Preparation	3.00
1/14/08	Court- Trial Date	8.00
1/15/08	Court- Trial Date	10.00
1/16/08	Court- Trial Date	8.00

1/18/08	Prepared Proposed Orders	2.00
1/22/08	Review motions by both Attorneys	.50
1/24/08	Teleconference with Court, review court order, review correspondence, teleconference with both Attorneys	1.00
2/7/08	Review file, prepare for court, review new correspondence	1.50
2/8/08	Court Hearing	2.50

Total Hours	286.48
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My usual hourly rate is \$175.00 per hour

286.48 hours @ \$175/hour	\$50,134.00
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Half due by each parent	\$25,067.00
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Less Father's payments

July 1, 2006	\$5,000.00
August 11, 2006	\$2,000.00
January 2, 2007	\$1,000.00
February 12, 2007	\$2,000.00
July 19, 2007	\$1,000.00
Total:	\$11,000.00

Total Due by Father	\$14,067.00
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Less Mother's payments

July 1, 2006	\$5,000.00
August 11, 2006	\$5,000.00
Total:	\$10,000.00


Total due by Mother	\$15,067.00
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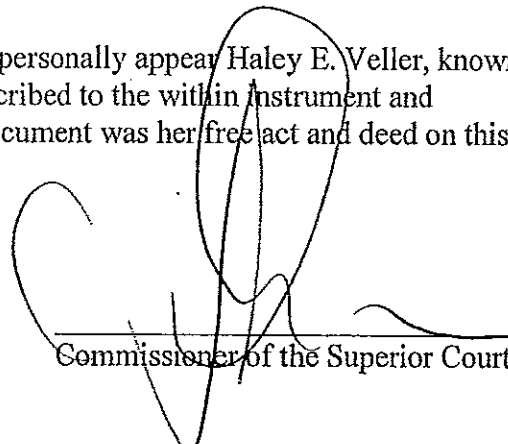
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THE AFFIANT

BY 
HALEY E. VELLER
Guardian Ad Litem

Before me, the undersigned, did personally appear Haley E. Veller, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that the signing of this document was her free act and deed on this 8th day of February 2008.


Commissioner of the Superior Court

Haley E. Veller

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DOCKET NO. FA06-4010515S : SUPERIOR COURT
 LINNELL, WILLIAM : J. D. OF WATERBURY
 VS. : AT WATERBURY
 LINNELL, LINDA : APRIL 28, 2010

AFFIDAVIT OF COUNSEL FEES

1. I, Haley E. Veller, hereby state that I am over the age of eighteen and believe in the obligation of an oath;

2. That I have been appointed as Guardian ad Litem for the two minor children.

3. That I have incurred the following legal fees:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hours</u>
6/2/2009	Court - report back	0.75
6/3/2009	Review FRO Report	0.10
7/1/2009	Trans. To and attend Court date	1.50
7/13/2009	Prepared Motion and Affidavit for Court, fax filed with Court,	0.50
7/13/2009	Correspondence to Court Clerk, Corresp. To both Attorneys	
7/15/2009	Trans. To and attended Court hearing	1.50
8/5/2009	Intake meeting with Bill	2.50
8/7/2009	Review of pleadings and FRO Report, Intake meeting with	3.50
8/7/2009	Linda	
8/14/2009	T.c. w/ Linda, wrote up notes to file	0.75
8/19/2009	T.c. w/ Bill, corresp./release to Dr. Horowitz	0.25
8/21/2009	Meeting w/ Edgardo	0.50
8/26/2009	T.c. w/ Atty. Brigham, rev. of pleadings and markings from	0.25
8/26/2009	each Atty.	
8/31/2009	Court - Short calendar, teleconf. w/ therapist, corresp. w/	1.50

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8/31/2009	both Attorneys	
9/2/2009	Rev. Atty. & court emails, t.c. w/ Atty. Brigham re: scheduling	1.50
9/2/2009	T.c. w/ Bill, teleconf. w/ Dr. Horowitz	
9/4/2009	Attended Depositions of both Linda and Bill	4.00
9/9/2009	Rev. emails from both parents, responded to emails, teleconf.	0.50
9/9/2009	with Bill, wrote up file	
9/14/2009	Prepared Stip Agreement, faxed to Attys., Recv'd information	0.25
9/14/2009	from Dr. Zimmerman, rev. file to find scope of Dr. role	
9/15/2009	Attended Court date, met w/ Bill & Atty., teleconf. w/ Dr.	1.75
9/15/2009	Zimmerman	
9/16/2009	Teleconf. w/ Linda, rev. email, sent email to parents re: Dr.	1.00
9/16/2009	Zimmerman, teleconf. To Atty. Brigham, t.c. to 3rd parties	
9/18/2009	Teleconf. w/ Atty. Brigham, w/ Atty. Briones, teleconf. w/	1.25
9/18/2009	Sidney, call w/ Dr. Zimmerman, email corresp. To all parties	
9/21/2009	Trans. To and conducted home visit at father's, wrote up file	3.00
10/7/2009	T.c. w/ Atty. Brigham, t.c. messages from Bill, t.c. to Dr. H	0.50
10/16/2009	T.c. w/ DCF Jessica Noel, wrote up file, fax corresp. To Attys.	0.50
10/19/2009	Teleconf. w/ Jeff Zimmerman, t.c. w/ Bill	1.25
10/26/2009	T.c. w/ Sid, t.c. w/ Jeff, t.c. w/ Dance studio, t.c. w/ Linda	1.75
10/26/2009	to schedule home visit	
10/27/2009	Home visit at moms, travel time	2.50
10/28/2009	Rev. Corresp. From Jeff, rev. email from Bill, teleconf. w/	0.50
10/28/2009	both Attys.	
11/2/2009	T.c. w/ Bill, t.c. w/ Linda, call to DCF, requested records	2.00
11/3/2009	Call to dance studio, email corresp. To Atty.	0.25
11/12/2009	Rev. Email corresp., rev. corresp., email to Atty.	0.25
11/13/2009	Conference call with both Attys., teleconf. w/ Edgardo,	1.50
11/13/2009	wrote up file	
11/15/2009	Rev. DCF Records, rev. binder of emails	2.00
11/18/2009	Attended court date, teleconf. w/ Attorney, teleconf. w/	3.00
11/18/2009	Orthodontist, corresp. To both Attorneys	
12/4/2009	T.c. w/ Linda (2) times, t.c. w/ Atty. Brigham (2) times,	0.50
12/4/2009	email confirmations	

12/7/2009	Rev. file, rev. decree, rev. FRO Report, prepare for depo	2.00
12/11/2009	Travel to, and attended deposition	2.00
12/16/2009	Email corresp. w/ Atty. Briones, forwarded depo exhibits	0.25
12/16/2009	to both Attys.	
12/18/2009	T.c. w/ School counselor, wrote up file	0.33
1/13/2010	Rev. pleading, research privilege	0.50
1/18/2010	Reviewed depo transcript & mailed certif. out, legal research	1.00
1/19/2010	Court date - short calendar	2.00
1/27/2010	Teleconf. w/ Atty. Brigham, calls to school counselors &	1.00
1/27/2010	principal, teleconf. w/ Dr. Horowitz	
1/29/2010	Teleconf. w/ Principal and guidance counselor, traveled to	1.75
1/29/2010	schools for meetings with Kelsey and Colby	
2/3/2010	Middletown Special Masters	6.00
3/3/2010	Teleconf. w/ Atty. Brigham	0.50
3/12/2010	Teleconf. w/ Court, corresp. To Attys., teleconf. w/ Atty	0.50
3/12/2010	Reviewed email & corresp. From Attys.	
3/14/2010	Trial Prep	6.00
3/26/2010	Various Email corresp. w/ both Attys., teleconf. w/ Linda	0.75
3/26/2010	Filed Motion for the Court	
4/5/2010	Court - Short Calendar	2.00
4/16/2010	Visit with children their schools	2.50
4/21/2010	Email corresp. w/ Atty. Briones, rev. email filings	0.25
4/23/2010	Provided compliance to both Attys., prepared motions, filed w	3.00
4/23/2010	Court and Attys., teleconf. w/ Dr. Horowitz, email	
4/23/2010	corresp. w/ Tara, Reviewed Court pleadings	
4/25/2010	Trial prep, email corresp. w/ both Attorneys	6.00
4/26/2010	Teleconf. w/ both Attys., fax corresp. To both Attys., review	2.00
4/26/2010	file and prepare for trial	
4/27/2010	Trial - Middletown Superior Court, review and prep.	9.00
4/28/2010	Trial - Middletown Superior Court, review and prep.	10.00
4/29/2010	Trial - Middletown Superior Court	5.50

TOTAL HOURS:


108.10

108.10 hours @ \$225.00 = \$24,340.50

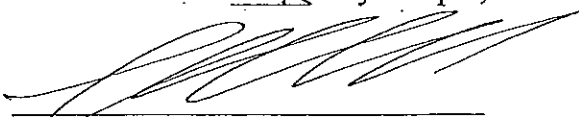
William Linnell -	\$12,170.25
Less Initial Retainer paid	5,000.00
Less Additional Retainer	<u>3,500.00</u>
Amount Due	\$ 3,670.25

Linda Demirali	\$12,170.25
Less Initial Retainer paid	<u>5,000.00</u>
Balance due	\$ 7,170.25

THE AFFIANT

BY: 
HALEY E. VELLER
Guardian Ad Litem

Before me, the undersigned, did personally appear Haley E. Veller, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that the signing of this document was her free act and deed on this 29th day of April, 2010.


Commissioner of the Superior Court
F. Erikson

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DOCKET: FA064010515 : SUPERIOR COURT
William Linnell : J.D. OF WATERBURY
VS. : AT WATERBURY
Linda Linnell : DATE: 8-20-10

RE: 260.25 Ex-Parte Motion for Custody

ORDER

Stipulation approved - case continued
to 9-7-10;

254 GAL Motion for Contempt

Defendant is ordered to pay the GAL's
fees of \$7,395.00 per the 6-8-10 court
order by 9-3-10; Defendant willfully
did not comply with the order;
Defendant is also ordered to pay
an additional \$300.00 to the GAL
by 9-3-10 for fees - continued to
9-7-10 for monitoring.

Present:

Plaintiff/Defendant
Plaintiff's Attorney
Defendant's Attorney
GAL/AMC

BY THE COURT (Bozzuto, J.)

Dheir Rousseau
Assistant Clerk/Administrative Assistant/FAC

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Law Office of Haley E. Veller

431 Howe Avenue

Shelton, CT 06484

December 1, 2010

Linda Demirali
15 Pinecrest Drive
Prospect, CT 06712

		<u>Amount</u>	
		\$225.00/hr	
7/30/2010	Teleconf. w/ Mary, teleconf. w/ Dr. Horowitz	1.00	225.00
8/18/2010	Teleconf. w/ Dr. Horowitz, Rev. email between w/ Mary and Linda, Teleconf. w/ Mary, review motions, prepare for court	1.00	225.00
8/20/2010	Court Date - 9:30-12:30 (less 1 hr. for contempt)	1.50	337.50
8/25/2010	Teleconf. w/ Debbie, email corresp. To Dr. H & to Mary	0.25	no ch
9/22/2010	Teleconf. w/ Bill, w/ Case Mgr., Trans. To, and Visit with Bill at Rehab facility, teleconf. w/ Dr. Horowitz	2.50	562.50
9/27/2010	T.c. w/ Dr. Johnston, rev. Dr. Letter, corresp. To both Attys.	0.50	125.00
10/13/2010	Teleconf. w/ Bill's Case Manager, call w/ Atty. Brigham	0.25	56.25
11/12/2010	Home visit with Bill	1.50	337.50
11/15/2010	Court date	2.00	450.00
For Professional Services		10.50	\$2,318.75
Less Courtesy Discount			-500.00
		10.50	1818.75
1/2 Due by each parent			909.37
Total Balance Due			\$909.37

Kindly make checks payable to: Law Office of Haley E. Veller,

431 Howe Avenue, Shelton, CT 06484

(203) 924-9460

May 24, 2011

Re: Linnell v Linnell

Attorney Veller,

Enclosed a check in the amount \$909.37 regarding your invoice dated December 1, 2010. I have several concerns reading your bill and services; however I am enclosing a check to put an end to this matter.

Linda Demirali

LINDA DEMIRALI LINNELL
15 PINECREST DRIVE
PROSPECT, CT 06712

662

51-7010/2111
BRANCH 9

5/24/11 Date

Pay to the Order of Haley Veller \$ 909.37
Nine Hundred nine & 37/100 Dollars



WebsterBank
WebsterOnline.com

For _____

[Signature] MP

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Printed Name

GUARDIAN SAFETY® BLUE

DOCKET NO. FA06-4010515S : SUPERIOR COURT
 LINNELL, WILLIAM : J. D. OF WATERBURY
 VS. : AT WATERBURY
 LINNELL, LINDA : JUNE 20, 2012

AFFIDAVIT OF COUNSEL FEES

1. I, Haley E. Veller, hereby state that I am over the age of eighteen and believe in the obligation of an oath;

2. That I have been appointed as Guardian ad Litem for the two minor children.


3. That I have incurred the following legal fees:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hours</u>	
24-Oct , 2011	Review of court pleadings, Corresp. To Attys.	0.20	50.00
14-Nov , 2011	Court date - referral to FRO for custody evaluation	3.50	875.00
9-Dec , 2011	Corresp. To Atty. Maffeo, telecof. w/ Atty. Brigham	0.25	62.50
16-Dec , 2011	Corresp. To Atty. Maffeo	0.10	25.00
9-Jan , 2012	Prepared corresp. To each party and Attorney, GAL set up	0.50	125.00
9-Jan , 2012	w/ retainer agreement, releases		
13-Jan , 2012	Teleconf. w/ Mary, teleconf. w/ Bill, teleconf. w/ Heather	1.25	312.50
26-Jan , 2012	Email corresp. To both Attorneys	0.10	25.00
20-Apr , 2012	Corresp. To both Atty's re: Court date	0.10	25.00
26-Apr , 2012	Corresp. To both Atty's re: Court date & Settlement	0.25	62.50
20-Jun , 2012	Court date - Report back (estimated)	1.50	250.00
		7.75	1937.50

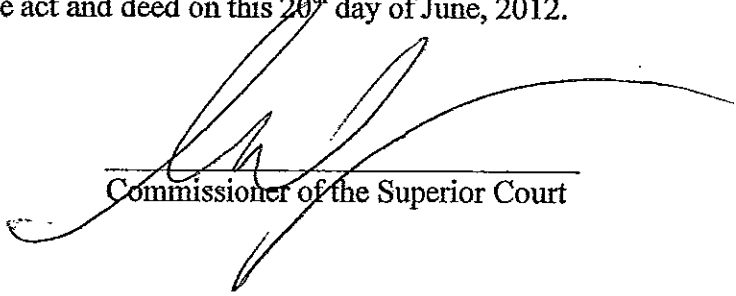
Total 7.75 hours @ \$250.00 = \$1,937.50

½ due by each parent = \$ 968.75

THE AFFIANT

BY: 
HALEY E. VELLER
Guardian Ad Litem

Before me, the undersigned, did personally appear Haley E. Veller, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that the signing of this document was her free act and deed on this 20th day of June, 2012.


Commissioner of the Superior Court

DOCKET NO. FA06-4010515S : SUPERIOR COURT
 LINNELL, WILLIAM : J. D. OF WATERBURY
 VS. : AT WATERBURY
 LINNELL, LINDA : JULY 11, 2012

AFFIDAVIT OF COUNSEL FEES

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26-Apr , 2012	Corresp. To both Atty's re: Court date & Settlement	0.25	62.50
20-Jun , 2012	Court date - Report back	2.50	625.00
11-July , 2012	Court date - Enter final agreement (estimated)	1.00	250.00

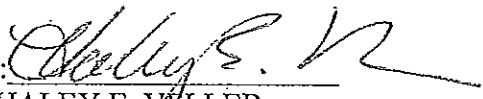
Total Hours:

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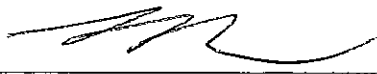
Total 9.75 hours @ \$250.00 = \$ 2,437.50

½ due by each parent = \$ 1,218.75

THE AFFIANT

BY: 
HALEY E. VELLER
Guardian Ad Litem

Before me, the undersigned, did personally appear Haley E. Veller, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that the signing of this document was her free act and deed on this 9th day of July, 2012.


Commissioner of the Superior Court

Law Office of Haley E. Veller

431 Howe Avenue

Shelton, CT 06484

November 25, 2013

Linda Demirali
15 Pinecrest Drive
Prospect, CT 06712

	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	\$250.00/hr	
41472.00 Rev. mess from Bill, Call to Atty. Brigham	0.10	\$ 25.00
41472.00 Teleconf. w/ Atty Brigham RE: status of file & scheduling	0.25	\$ 62.50
41472.00 Review mess and email from Linda	0.10	\$ 25.00
41472.00 Review file & time sheets, forward to Linda	0.50	\$ 125.00
41472.00 email corresp. w/ Atty Maffeo RE: current status of file,	0.25	\$ 62.50
41472.00 Court scheduling, and GAL bills		
	1.20	\$ 300.00

Total amount billed: .25 hrs = \$62.50

½ due by each parent

\$31.25

Previous balance (per affidavit of legal fees 7/11/12)

\$1,218.75

Total Amount due

\$1,250.00

Less Retainer Received

(\$5,000.00)

Refund Due

\$3,750.00

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DOCKET NO. FA06-4010515S : SUPERIOR COURT
LINNELL, WILLIAM : J. D. OF WATERBURY
VS. : AT WATERBURY
LINNELL, LINDA : JANUARY 25, 2010

MOTION FOR ADDITIONAL RETAINER FEES

The undersigned was appointed as the Guardian ad Litem for the two minor children, in the above-captioned matter. The GAL has exhausted the initial retainer that was paid by each party. This matter is scheduled for a Special Masters pretrial at the Regional Family Trial Docket in Middletown. In addition, counsel has indicated that they would expect the trial for this matter to extend for three days.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned seeks an additional retainer in the amount of \$7,000, to be shared equally by the parties, and seeks payments in accordance with this motion.

GUARDIAN AD LITEM

BY 

HALEY E. VELLER
431 Howe Avenue
Shelton, CT 06484
Juris No. 412062
(203) 924-9460

ORDERS

The foregoing motion having been heard by the Court, it is hereby
ORDERED:

GRANTED / DENIED

JUDGE / ASSISTANT CLERK

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was delivered via ^{first class mail and} facsimile to the
following parties on this 20th day of January 2010.

Mary Brigham, Esq.
60 North Main Street, 2nd Floor
Waterbury, CT 06484

Annmarie Briones, Esq.
Law Offices of Gary I. Cohen, P.C.
Stamford, CT 06484


HALEY E. VELLER

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LINNELL
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SUPERIOR COURT

JUDICIAL DISTRICT
OF WATERBURY
AT WATERBURY

FEBRUARY 16, 2010

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
SUPERIOR COURT
2010 FEB 16 P 1:08
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
OF WATERBURY

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION RE:#230

Before the court is the defendant's motion to compel, #230. In it, the defendant seeks an order requiring the court appointed guardian ad litem to provide "a copy of [her] entire file including but not limited to correspondence, emails, letters, notes and memos." The defendant maintains in her motion to compel that the guardian ad litem does not have standing to assert the "attorney work product privilege" with respect to the notes and documents requested. The guardian ad litem's response and objection to defendant's discovery request raises an issues of first impression in this state; namely, are the notes and materials prepared by a guardian ad litem who is representing a child in a custody matter protected from discovery under either the attorney-client privilege or the work product doctrine? This court answers "no".

"The granting or denial of a discovery request rests in the sound discretion of the court. . . That discretion is limited, however, by the provisions of the rules pertaining to discovery [found in the Practice Book.]" (Citation omitted.) *Standard Tallow Corp. v. Jowdy*, 190 Conn. 48, 57-58, 459 A.2d 503 (1983). Practice Book § 13-2 provides in relevant part: "[A] party in a civil action may obtain discovery of information or disclosure, production and inspection of papers,

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Atty. Gary Cohen Law Offices

Shary Camacho
Assist. Clerk

books or documents material to the subject matter involved in the pending action, which are not privileged.” In addition to the protection afforded to communications covered by a recognized privilege, the Practice Book also provides discovery protection for materials prepared by attorneys in anticipation of litigation, commonly referred to as work product. See Practice Book § 13-3 (a). Finally, the party claiming immunity from discovery carries the burden of demonstrating that the evidence it seeks to suppress is protected by either privilege or the work product doctrine. See *Babcock v. Bridgeport Hospital*, 251 Conn. 790, 848, 742 A.2d 322 (1999); and *Matos v. Allstate Ins. Co.*, Superior Court, complex litigation docket at Stamford, Docket No. X08 CV 05 5002298 (December 3, 2008, *Jennings, J.*) (46 Conn. L. Rptr. 771, 773).

A. Attorney-Client Privilege and the Work Product Doctrine

The law of evidentiary privileges in Connecticut is set forth in the Connecticut Code of Evidence § 5.1, which provides that, unless required by statute or constitutional mandate, privileges are to be determined according to principles of common law.¹ Among these privileges governed by the common law is the attorney-client privilege, which “fosters full and frank communications between attorneys and their clients and thereby promote[s] the broader public interests in the observation of law and [the] administration of justice.” (Internal quotation marks omitted.) *Olson v. Accessory Controls & Equipment Corp.*, 254 Conn. 145, 157, 757 A.2d 14

¹ Connecticut Code of Evidence § 5.1 provides: “Except as otherwise required by the constitution of the United States, the constitution of this state, the General Statutes or the Practice Book, privileges shall be governed by the principles of the common law as they may be interpreted in light of reason and experience.”

(2000). Because the exercise of the privilege tends to prevent a full disclosure of the truth in court, it is strictly construed. *PSE Consulting, Inc. v. Frank Mercede & Sons, Inc.*, 267 Conn. 279, 330, 838 A.2d 135 (2004).

Aside from the requirement that there be an attorney-client relationship, the attorney-client privilege is further restricted to covering communications that are “made in confidence *for the purpose of seeking legal advice.*” (Emphasis added; internal quotation marks omitted.) *Blumenthal v. Kimber Mfg., Inc.*, 265 Conn. 1, 10, 826 A.2d 1028 (2003). Consequently, the privilege only protects from discovery communications “*necessary to obtain informed legal advice* - which might not have been made absent the privilege.” (Emphasis in original.) *Ullmann v. State*, 230 Conn. 698, 713, 647 A.2d 324 (1994).

“Whereas the attorney-client privilege is an evidentiary rule, the work product doctrine is a rule of discovery.” C. Tait, *Handbook of Connecticut Evidence* (2nd Ed. 1998) § 12.5.11, p. 450. “Work product includes ‘documents . . . prepared in anticipation of litigation or for trial’ and encompasses material prepared ‘by or for’ another party or that other party’s representative. See Practice Book § 13-3 (a).” (Internal quotation marks in original.) *Roraback v. Stanley Works*, Superior Court, complex litigation docket at Hartford, Docket No. X04 CV 06 4043672 (September 24, 2009, *Shapiro, J.*). Like the attorney-client privilege, however, because the work product doctrine tends to prevent a full disclosure of facts relevant to the finding of the truth, the scope of its protection is narrow. *Matos v. Allstate Ins. Co.*, *supra*, 46 Conn. L. Rptr. 773.

Despite the seemingly broad definition provided by Practice Book § 13-3 (a), Connecticut courts generally define work product narrowly to include documents and materials prepared as

“the result of an *attorney’s* activities when those activities have been conducted with a view to pending or anticipated litigation.” (Emphasis added; internal quotation marks omitted.) *Ullmann v. State*, supra, 230 Conn. 714. Another criteria to asserting work product protection is that, “[t]o be protected . . . the work of the attorney must be such that it forms an essential step in the procurement of data and must involve duties normally performed by attorneys.” *Barksdale v. Harris*, 30 Conn. App. 754, 761, 622 A.2d 597, cert. denied, 225 Conn. 927, 622 A.2d 597 (1993). The lack of counsel’s involvement in preparing a report or findings is dispositive to a finding that the work product doctrine is unavailable to protect materials from discovery. See *Stanley Works v. New Britain Redevelopment Agency*, 155 Conn. 86, 95, 230 A.2d 9 (1967).

B. The Relationship Between GAL and Minor Child

In the present case, the Superior Court’s authority to appoint a guardian ad litem to represent the best interests of a minor in a case considering visitation and custody rights is derived from General Statutes § 45a-132.² See *Ireland v. Ireland*, 246 Conn. 413, 439 n.10, 717 A.2d 676 (1998) (en banc). This authority is separate and distinct from the authority of the court to appoint counsel to represent a minor in a custody matter, which is set forth in General Statutes

² Section 45a-132 provides in relevant part: “(a) In any proceeding before a court of probate or the Superior Court including the Family Support Magistrate Division, whether acting upon an appeal from probate or otherwise, the judge or magistrate may appoint a guardian ad litem for any minor or incompetent (b) The appointment shall not be mandatory, but shall be within the discretion of the judge or magistrate. . . . (d) Any appointment of a guardian ad litem may be made with or without notice and, if it appears to the judge or magistrate that it is for the best interests of a minor having a parent or guardian to have as guardian ad litem some person other than the parent or guardian, the judge or magistrate may appoint a disinterested person to be the guardian ad litem”

§ 46b-54.³

Numerous appellate court decisions have discussed the differences between the role of a guardian ad litem and that of counsel representing a minor child. See e.g. *Ireland v. Ireland*, supra, 246 Conn. 413; *Gil v. Gil*, 94 Conn. App. 306, 892 A.2d 318 (2006); *In re Tayquon H.*, 76 Conn. App. 693, 821 A.2d 796 (2003). The primary distinction noted between a guardian ad litem and that of an attorney is that “[t]ypically, the child’s attorney is an advocate for the child, while the guardian ad litem is the representative of the child’s best interests.” (Internal quotation marks omitted.) *Ireland v. Ireland*, supra, 439. Put differently, “[w]hile the best interest of a child encompasses a catholic concern with the child’s human needs regarding his or her psychological, emotional, and physical well-being, the representation of a child’s legal interests requires vigilance over the child’s legal rights. Those legal rights have been enumerated as the right to be a party to a legal proceeding, the right to be heard at that hearing and the right to be represented by a lawyer.” *In re Tayquon H.*, supra, 706-707.

Generally, in contested custody or visitation cases, a guardian ad litem is assigned the responsibility of investigating the facts necessary to get a clear picture of the child’s circumstances. Frequently, a court will assign a guardian ad litem the task of providing updates on the well-being of the child or children by submitting reports and testimony based on his or her opinion. See, e.g., *Pendleton v. Pendleton*, Superior Court, judicial district of New London at

³ Section 46b-54 provides in relevant part: “(a) The court may appoint counsel for any minor child or children of either or both parties at any time after the return day of the complaint . . . if the court deems it to be in the best interests of the child or children. . . . (b) Counsel . . . may also be appointed . . . in any case before the court when the court finds that the custody, care, education, visitation or support of a minor child is in actual controversy”

Norwich, Docket No. FA 04 4106385 (February 24, 2009, *Vasington, J.T.R.*); *In re Isaiah B.*, Superior Court, judicial district of Middlesex Child Protection Session, Docket No. CP 03 013615 (September 23, 2003, *Rubinow, J.*) (38 Conn. L. Rptr. 32). The guardian ad litem testifies at most, if not all, hearings and is subject to cross-examination by both parties. See *Gil v. Gil*, supra, 94 Conn. App. 316; *In re Tayquon H.*, supra, 76 Conn. App. 705-706.

The traditional role of a guardian ad litem is at odds with and distinct from that of counsel for a minor, as counsel is barred from submitting to the court testimony, reports and findings of fact based on his or her personal opinion. *Ireland v. Ireland*, supra, 246 Conn. 439-40. Although it may be true that an effective guardian ad litem may have to gain the trust and confidence of his or her ward for the purposes of obtaining relevant information from the child, it is ultimately the guardian ad litem's responsibility to relay his or her findings and recommendations back to the court.

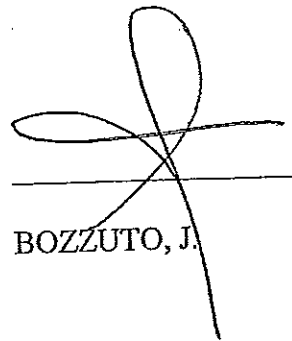
The orders given to the guardian ad litem in the present case are consistent with the typical responsibilities, including those cited above.⁴ Therefore, in absence of some sort of express instructions from the court indicating otherwise, this court can not conclude that the guardian ad litem in the present case, although an attorney, is acting in a capacity as an attorney for the minor children. This finding is consistent with the court's earlier decision to deny the appointment of counsel for the minor children at issue.⁵

⁴ Court's order of appointment, #213.

⁵ The defendants motion requesting the appointment of counsel for the two minor children was denied by the court, *Bozzuto, J.*, on August 31, 2009.

Without the presence of an attorney-client relationship, the possibility of protecting the materials requested from discovery is unavailable under both the attorney client privilege and the work product doctrine. Therefore, the source documents and materials forming the basis for the guardian ad litem's opinions are subject to the defendant's request for discovery. The defendant's motion to compel, #230 is herein granted.

SO ORDERED



BOZZUTO, J.



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SUPERIOR COURT

WILLIAM LINNELL

J.D. OF WATERBURY

VS.

AT WATERBURY

LINDA LINNELL

MARCH 10, 2010

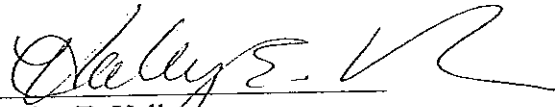
REQUEST TO PRODUCE AT HEARING, POST JUDGMENT

Pursuant to Practice Book § 25-56 the GUARDIAN AD LITEM respectfully requests that the DEFENDANT produce the following documents and tangible things, during the period from the date of dissolution to the date of response hereto, at the hearing in this matter scheduled for April 5, 2010 or to such other date to which said hearing may be continued:

1. Proof of amounts paid to any Attorney for consultation, retainer and fees, including sums paid to the Law Offices of Gary I. Cohen, P.C., and the sources of said funds.
2. A copy of your 2008 and 2009 Federal and State Income Tax Returns, including any business tax returns.
3. Copies of all monthly statements for all checking, saving, and money market accounts in your name solely or jointly with others, and for any business you own.
4. Copies of all credit card bills in your name individually or jointly with others, or in the name of any business you own.
5. Payment history for any and all personal loans, bank loans, motor vehicle loans, loans for vehicles in your name solely or jointly with others, or owned by any business in which you have an interest.
6. Copies of all check registers for all checking accounts in your name solely or jointly with others, and for any business accounts for any business you own.
7. Documents evidencing payment history for the first and second (if any) mortgage on the your home.

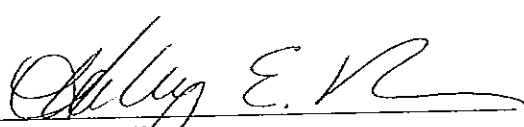
THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM

By


Haley E. Veller
431 Howe Avenue
Shelton, CT 06484
Juris #412062
Tele. #203-924-9460

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the foregoing Motion was filed electronically with the Waterbury Superior Court this 26th day of March, 2010 and mailed postage prepaid to all counsel as follows: Annmarie P. Briones, Esq., Law Offices of Gary I. Cohen, P.C. 1100 Summer Street, 3rd Floor, Stamford, CT 06905-5534, Mary P. Brigham, Esq., 60 No. Main Street, 2nd Floor, Waterbury, CT 06702.


Haley E. Veller

Commissioner of the Superior Court

DOCKET NO: FA 06-4010515-S : SUPERIOR COURT
WILLIAM LINNELL : J.D. OF WATERBURY
VS. : AT WATERBURY
LINDA LINNELL : APRIL 23, 2010

GURADIAN AD LITEM'S MOTION TO COMPEL
POST JUDGMENT

Pursuant to Practice Book § 13-14 the Guardian Ad Litem respectfully requests an order to compel the Defendant to produce her retainer agreement with the Law Offices of Gary I. Cohen, P.C. as well as a record of sums paid to said law firm. The Defendant was served with a Request to Produce dated April 23, 2010 requesting specifically: "[p]roof of amounts paid to any Attorney for consultation, retainer and fees, including sums paid to the Law Offices of Gary I. Cohen, P.C., and the sources of said funds." The Defendant refuses to produce such information claiming they are subject to the attorney-client privilege.

Not every communication between a client and their attorney is protected by the attorney-client privilege. "As a general rule, [c]ommunications between client and attorney are privileged when made *in confidence for the purpose of seeking legal advice*." (internal quotation marks omitted.) *Shedrick v. Trantolo & Trantolo*, 2005 Ct. Sup. 10344, 10347, 39 CLR 517 citing *Blumenthal v. Kimber Mfg., Inc.*, 265 Conn. 10 (2005). "This Court agrees that the mere identity of the party that pays the fees and what the fees are is not a communication that is protected by the attorney-client privilege. *Hayes Family LTD. Partnership, et al. v. David F. Sherwood, et al.*, 2008 Ct. Sup. 10634, 45 CLR 772 (2008).


The Guardian ad Litem asserts that no privilege exists and that the requested documents should be disclosed.

**ORAL ARGUMENT REQUESTED/
TESTIMONY NOT REQUIRED**

WHEREFORE, the Guardian ad Litem respectfully requests:

1. That the Defendant be ordered to provide proof of amounts paid to any Attorney for consultation, retainer and fees, including sums paid to the Law Offices of Gary I. Cohen, P.C., and the sources of said funds;
2. That the Defendant be ordered to pay the costs of this motion including reasonable attorney's fees;
3. Any other orders that the Court deems reasonable.

THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM

By 
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ORDER

The foregoing Motion to Compell Post Judgment having been heard by the Court, it is hereby: **GRANTED/DENIED**.

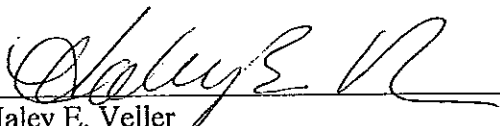
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BY THE COURT

Judge/ Assistant Clerk

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Haley E. Veller
Commissioner of the Superior Court

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WILLIAM LINNELL	:	J.D. OF WATERBURY
VS.	:	AT WATERBURY
LINDA LINNELL	:	APRIL 23, 2010


GURADIAN AD LITEM'S MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

The Guardian Ad Litem ("GAL") has delivered to counsel for the Defendant all notes, correspondence and memos contained within her file for the above-captioned matter. In preparation for trial, the GAL has outlined and condensed her notes into a form that is manageable to be utilized at trial.

The Guardian ad Litem asserts that such outlines and condensed notes are protected by the work-product doctrine. Therefore, the GAL moves for a Protective Order to preclude the disclosure of documents.

WHEREFORE, the Guardian ad Litem respectfully requests this court to enter a protective order to preclude the disclosure of such documentation to counsel.

THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM

By 
Haley E. Veller
431 Howe Avenue
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Juris #412062
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**ORAL ARGUMENT REQUESTED/
TESTIMONY NOT REQUIRED**

ORDER

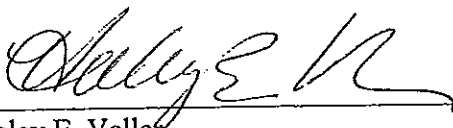
The foregoing Motion for Protective Order, Post Judgment having been heard by the Court, it is hereby: **GRANTED/DENIED**

BY THE COURT

Judge/ Assistant Clerk

CERTIFICATION

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Haley E. Veller
Commissioner of the Superior Court

DOCKET NO. FA06-40105158 : SUPERIOR COURT
LINNELL, WILLIAM : J. D. OF WATERBURY
VS. : AT WATERBURY
LINNELL, LINDA : JULY 14, 2010

MOTION FOR CONTEMPT
RE: GUARDIAN AD LITEM FEES

The undersigned, Guardian ad Litem for the two minor children, hereby moves for an order adjudging the Defendant, Linda Linnell, in Contempt for failure to pay counsel fees in accordance with the Court's Order. In support of this motion, the undersigned represents the following:

1. The undersigned was appointed by the court as Guardian ad Litem for the two minor children.
2. After a three day trial, the Court (Gordon, J) ordered each party to pay their 50% share of the Guardian ad Litem Fees.
3. Judge Gordon ordered the Defendant to pay the sum of \$7395.00 to the Guardian ad Litem, said amount to be paid in full by July 8, 2010.
3. As of this date the Guardian ad Litem has not been paid by the Defendant.

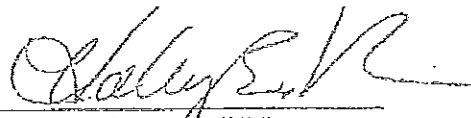
WHEREFORE, the Guardian ad Litem prays from this Court:

1. For an order adjudging the Defendant in contempt of the court orders;
2. Order the defendant to immediately pay the amount due,
3. Reasonable costs and legal fees for the necessity of prosecuting this Motion;

4. All such other relief as the Court deems fair and reasonable.

THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM

BY:



HALEY E. VELLER

P.O. Box 832

431 Howe Avenue

Shelton, Connecticut 06484

Telephone (203) 924-9460

Juris No. 412062

ORDER

The foregoing Motion having been heard, it is hereby ordered that said Motion be

GRANTED/DENIED.

BY THE COURT

JUDGE/CLERK

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was delivered via facsimile, and first class mail, to the following parties on this 14th day of July 2010.

Mary Brigham, Esq.
60 North Main Street, 2nd Floor
Waterbury, CT 06484

Annmarie Briones, Esq.
Law Offices of Gary I. Cohen, P.C.
1100 Summer St., 3rd Floor
Stamford, CT 06905


HALEX E. VELLER

DOCKET NO. FA06-4010515S : SUPERIOR COURT
LINNELL, WILLIAM : J. D. OF WATERBURY
VS. : AT WATERBURY
LINNELL, LINDA : MARCH 21, 2011

MOTION FOR CONTEMPT RE: GUARDIAN AD LITEM FEES
MOTION FOR ADDITIONAL RETAINER

The undersigned, Guardian ad Litem for the two minor children, hereby moves for an order adjudging the Defendant, Linda Linnell, in Contempt for failure to pay counsel fees in accordance with the court order. In support of this motion, the undersigned represents that the current court order is for the parents to pay the fees of the Guardian ad Litem 50/50. The undersigned's bill has been pending since December 1, 2010 without payment by the Defendant Mother.

In addition, the undersigned seeks a reasonable retainer in the amount of \$3,500 from the Defendant. Such retainer is necessary to secure the future legal fees of the Guardian ad Litem, as this matter is currently pending in the Superior Court.


WHEREFORE, the Guardian ad Litem prays from this Court:

1. For an order adjudging the Defendant in contempt of the court orders;
2. Order the defendant to immediately pay the amount due,

ORAL ARGUMENT REQUESTED
TESTIMONY REQUIRED

3. Reasonable costs and legal fees for the necessity of prosecuting this Motion;
4. A reasonable retainer fee, to prevent the need for filing further contempt motions with this court;
5. All such other relief as the Court deems fair and reasonable.

THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM

BY: 
HALEY E. VELLER
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ORDER

The foregoing Motion having been heard, it is hereby ordered that said Motion be

GRANTED/DENIED.

BY THE COURT

JUDGE/CLERK

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was delivered via facsimile, and first class mail, to the following parties on this 21st day of March, 2011.

Mary Brigham, Esq.
60 North Main Street, 2nd Floor
Waterbury, CT 06484

Justin J. Maffeo, Esq.
21 West Main Street, 4th Floor
Waterbury, CT 06702



HALEY E. VELLER

**GAL
CORRESPONDENCE
&
E-MAIL**



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Date: Tue, 13 May 2008 14:24:45 -0700 (PDT)**From:** "linda demirali" <lindademirali@sbcglobal.net>**Subject:** Linnell Re: Bill of Service**To:** "Haley Veller" <hveller2@aol.com>

Attorney Veller;


This is my third email regarding your bill of service. Would you please respond to the following attachment so that I may settle this with you and pay you immediately for your services.

Thank you.

Linda Demirali Linnell

Attachments

Files:

 Attorney_Veller_s_Bill_Questioned.doc (107k) [Preview]

May 10, 2007

Attorney Veller:

I have reviewed your bill, and there are several discrepancies. I have compared your bill of service with my phone records, my attorney's bill of service, emails and the court's pleadings record. As a result of my review, I have noticed that there are errors in your bill, and I have numerous questions.

I have been charged for teleconferences that have not been made, and reviewing new pleadings, when there hadn't been any for months. Also I had been charged for review of emails & correspondence when I know of none, and preparing for a deposition that you were not conducting. Further, the amount of time spent on some entries is excessive based on what was being done.

More importantly, I was charged approximately 20 + hours for you to review and prepare for trial, which you then you gave inaccurate testimony during and forgot all the information on the tapes that I gave you and other pertinent information. Would you please explain what you were reviewing and why it took so long as a GAL?

Lastly, your bill of service is very vague most of the time. Please let me know who it is when you refer to an "attorney" "3rd party" "doctors" "counselors" "emails" "correspondence". Please understand that I have spoken to several attorneys, and I myself worked in a law firm. It is customary to indicate who you spoke with or what you reviewed and regarding what it was.

Please answer my questions so that we may discuss this and resolve payment for your services. I would like your bill of service settled immediately, and I want to pay what I am court ordered to pay.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda Demirali Linnell



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From: HVELLER2@aol.com
Date: Thu, 15 May 2008 11:32:17 EDT
Subject: (no subject)
To: lindademirali@sbcglobal.net

Dear Linda -

There will be no answers forthcoming regarding my bill for service. If you truly had a question about a time entry on 6/21/06 then you could have brought it to my attention when you received that invoice a month later, not now, 23 months later.

What I will tell you is this, my Affidavit of Legal Fees was filed with the Court and with Counsel on both January 16, 2008 and on February 7, 2008. Each of those documents list the credits given to each of you for payments made, showing a credit to you for \$10,000 and a credit to Bill for \$11,000. Each of those documents show the time entries that you are now questioning. At that time that Judge Bozzuto asked both Attorneys and your Attorney stated that there was no objection to my legal fees. Any objections should have been raised at that time.

The Court's Memorandum of Decision states that she has reviewed my fees and finds them to be fair and reasonable, not excessive or vague as you are now claiming. She ordered the fees to be paid 50/50. Unless and until the Court orders that I do anything further I am proceeding on the Court's Order which states that your bill in the amount of \$15,045.14 be paid within thirty days.

Sincerely,

Haley E. Veller

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Re: Dr. Horowitz

Thursday, September 4, 2008 7:46 AM

From: "Linda Demirali" <lindademirali@sbcglobal.net>

To: "Haley Veller" <hveller2@aol.com>

Dear Attorney Veller:

It has been one week since I sent the below e-mail; and you have not yet responded. Would you please respond to the below?

Thank you.

Linda Demirali Linnell

--- On Thu, 8/28/08, linda demirali <lindademirali@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: linda demirali <lindademirali@sbcglobal.net>

Subject: Re: Dr. Horowitz

To: "Haley Veller" <hveller2@aol.com>

Date: Thursday, August 28, 2008, 6:14 PM

Dear Attorney Veller:

There are no pending motions. What does "I am always in the file" mean, exactly? The case has gone to trial and is now over. By you stating that you are "always in the file", do you mean to say that you will forever be involved in this "case" even though this case is officially over? You state that your level of involvement will vary. What is your *current* level of involvement since the judge's final decision? I have been informed that you are making recommendations to Dr. Horowitz as a GAL, even though you have not been reappointed. Would you please tell me what recommendations you have made to Dr. Horowitz regarding my children and what new information you are basing this on? Additionally, what is your expectation regarding compensation, and may I have a written copy of that expectation? When you last spoke with Dr. Horowitz, how did you represent your role regarding this "case"? In other words, did you represent yourself as still being the legally appointed GAL by the court, or did you inform him that your legal role had ended?

Looking forward to your immediate response to all of my above questions.

Linda Demirali Linnell

--- On Tue, 8/26/08, HVELLER2@aol.com <HVELLER2@aol.com> wrote:

From: HVELLER2@aol.com <HVELLER2@aol.com>

Subject: Re: Dr. Horowitz

To: lindademirali@sbcglobal.net

Date: Tuesday, August 26, 2008, 11:02 AM

Linda -

Dr. Horowitz and I have several cases in common. When we last spoke I asked about Kelsey and Colby. He told me that he was inviting you and Bill in for a joint meeting. The Court has

been taking the position that once appointed as Guardian ad Litem I am always in the file. My level of involvement will vary depending on what, if anything, is going on in the case, and this of course will increase if motions are filed with the court.

Haley

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From: hveller2@aol.com (hveller2@aol.com)
To: lindademirali@sbcglobal.net;
Date: Mon, July 19, 2010 12:05:27 PM
Cc:
Subject: Re: Linnell vs Linnell

I'm sorry Linda, but I am not willing to work out a payment plan.
The court order stated my fees were to be paid in full by July 8th.

Haley Veller

-----Original Message-----

From: linda demirali <lindademirali@sbcglobal.net>
To: Haley Veller <hveller2@aol.com>
Sent: Fri, Jul 16, 2010 10:00 pm
Subject: Linnell vs Linnell

Attorney Veller,

I am writing to you regarding your Motion for Contempt. As I have previously told you, I do not get paid in the summer, and I am currently unable to pay your fees. Would you be willing to work on a payment plan, when I get back to work and begin getting paid?

Linda Demirali

Subject: Re: Linnell v Linnell
From: Linda Demirali (lindademirali@yahoo.com)
To: hveller2@aol.com;
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2013 10:28 AM

Attorney Veller,

I am requesting that you adjust your fee as indicated below. I asked you to contact me, not my attorney, and there certainly should not be a fee for that. Further, I have asked numerous attorneys and none charges a fee to provide copies of bills - no matter what the dates are and that those records are maintained as common practice.

I have notified my attorney that I still need a copy of all your GAL bills.

Please provide a copy of your GAL bills from 2006 to the present, and please respond directly to me as I am the one requesting these documents.

Looking forward to your anticipated cooperation.

Linda Demirali

From: hveller2@aol.com <hveller2@aol.com>;
To: <lindademirali@yahoo.com>; <naflaw1@aol.com>;
Subject: Re: Linnell v Linnell
Sent: Thu, Jul 18, 2013 10:41:58 PM

Hello Linda -

I hope this email finds you well.

Enclosed please find the Affidavit of Counsel fees dated July 11, 2012 representing the most recent work on your file. (attached)
Since that date there hasn't been any time logged until this week. (see below) Your retainer on account holds a balance of \$3,781.25.

Per email conversations with your Attorney, I will not be providing records from 2006. You have already been provided with those Invoices and Affidavits during the various stages of this case. Those records, if they still exist, would be in storage.

Thank you.
Haley

Rev. message from Bill, Review message and email from
Linda, Teleconf. From Atty Brigham, email corresp. w/

Atty Maffeo, Review file & time sheets, forward to Linda 0.25 125.00

-----Original Message-----

From: Linda Demirali <lindademirali@yahoo.com>

To: hveller2 <hveller2@aol.com>

Sent: Fri, Jul 12, 2013 4:44 pm

Subject: Linnell v Linnell

Attorney Veller,

Would you please provide me a copy of all your bills from since you became involved in the case until the present. You can e-mail it to this address.

Thank you.

Linda Demirali

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Haley E. Veller

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Facsimile (203) 922-1636

July 25, 2013

Linda Demirali
15 Pinecrest Drive
Prospect, CT 06712

RE: Linnell vs. Linnell FA 06-4010515-S

Dear Linda,

Enclosed please find what I was able to gather regarding my billing history during this case. Please note, however, that this billing program has some corrupted data and we were forced to stop using this program altogether.

Therefore, I can neither guarantee the accuracy of these records nor can I verify that they are a comprehensive representation of the time incurred in this file.

Very truly yours,


Haley E. Veller

enc.

Subject: Re: Linnell v Linnell
From: hveller2@aol.com (hveller2@aol.com)
To: lindademirali@yahoo.com;
Date: Monday, July 29, 2013 4:49 PM

Linda -

What records I have were mailed to you on Thursday of last week.

As for the current July time, please see below how the time breaks down.
You were not charged for any time incurred regarding providing bills. In fact,
I have only charged for 1/4 hrs. of time which is far below what was actually spent.
No adjustments will be made.

17-Jul	Linnell	Rev. mess from Bill, Call to Atty. Brigham	0.10	25.00
17-Jul	Linnell	Teleconf. w/ Atty Brigham RE: status of file & scheduling	0.25	62.50
17-Jul	Linnell	Review mess and email from Linda	0.10	25.00
17-Jul	Linnell	Review file & time sheets, forward to Linda	0.50	125.00
17-Jul	Linnell	email corresp. w/ Atty Maffeo RE: current status of file,	0.25	62.50
17-Jul	Linnell	Court scheduling, and GAL bills		
			<hr/> 1.20	<hr/> 300.00

Total amount billed: .25 hrs = \$62.50

-----Original Message-----

From: Linda Demirali <lindademirali@yahoo.com>
To: hveller2 <hveller2@aol.com>
Sent: Sat, Jul 27, 2013 10:01 pm
Subject: Re: Linnell v Linnell

Attorney Veller,

It has been over a week since my last e-mail to you and over 2 weeks since my initial request.

Will you please provide copies of your bills since 2006 to the present and adjust your bill by putting the \$125 back into the retainer.

Please respond immediately.

Thank you.
Linda Demirali

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Thank you.
Linda Demirali

Subject: Fwd: GAL Bills
From: Justin Maffeo (MaLaw1@aol.com)
To: lindademirali@sbcglobal.net;
Date: Monday, August 5, 2013 8:36 PM

Justin J. Maffeo, Esq.
Maffeo Law Offices LLC
One Exchange Place
21 West Main St. 4th Floor
Waterbury, CT 06702

Begin forwarded message:

From: hveller2@aol.com
Date: August 5, 2013, 5:46:17 PM EDT
To: maflaw1@aol.com
Subject: Fwd: GAL Bills

Hello Justin -

Will you please get your client to stop this nonsense about my GAL bills?

I have provided her the most recent Affidavit of Legal fees from July 2012 with the balance she has on account from her retainer. I explained to her that the "Time Slips" billing program that I used back then is corrupted and I no longer use it. I printed out what I was able to obtain from that corrupted billing program, (with no guarantee to it's accuracy or to being complete.) And yet she still sends me this email expecting more information.

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Haley

-----Original Message-----

From: hveller2 <hveller2@aol.com>
To: lindademirali <lindademirali@yahoo.com>
Sent: Mon, Aug 5, 2013 5:22 pm
Subject: Re: GAL Bills

Hello Linda -

My current hourly rate is \$300 per hour. However, my last retainer I have with you and Bill lists my rate at \$250 per hour. Therefore, I am charging your case at \$250 per hour. So my charge to you for the 7/18/13 date is \$62.50.

I prepared an affidavit of legal fees for the last day of court in July 2012. I have already provided that to you.

If you have knowledge of a bill dated December 2010 then I can only presume that you have a copy of such document. These bills were given to you throughout the course of this file. I, however, do not have a copy. As I have told you before, I have provided you with what information that I have. I cannot give you anything else.

Haley

-----Original Message-----

From: Linda Demirali <lindademirali@yahoo.com>
To: hveller2 <hveller2@aol.com>
Sent: Mon, Aug 5, 2013 5:05 pm
Subject: GAL Bills

Attorney Veller,

On July 18, 2013 you sent an e-mail stating you spent .25 hours on that day at \$125 total, and then on July 29, 2013 you e-mailed stating you spent .25 hours on that same day but it

was at \$62.50. How much is your hourly rate?

Also, the bill you e-mailed dated July 2012 was not filed with the court.

Lastly, there was a bill dated December 2010, but you did not provide a copy of that and nothing was filed with the court. Bill and I had each given you a check in full payment for that.

It is quite relevant that I attain this information, and please let me know your current hourly rate.

Linda Demirali

Subject: Re: GAL Bills

From: hveller2@aol.com (hveller2@aol.com)

To: lindademirali@yahoo.com;

Date: Tuesday, August 6, 2013 4:33 PM

No Linda, there is no requirement that they be filed with the court.

-----Original Message-----

From: Linda Demirali <lindademirali@yahoo.com>

To: hveller2 <hveller2@aol.com>

Sent: Mon, Aug 5, 2013 6:52 pm

Subject: Re: GAL Bills

Attorney Veller,

I had a court clerk review my court file. Your affidavit of legal fees dated July 2012 was not filed with the court. You had provided a bill on December 2010, and you were provided full payment for that by both Bill and me. However, you never filed this with the court, and now you state you have no record of this. It is my understanding that this needs to be filed with the court.

Linda Demirali

From: "hveller2@aol.com" <hveller2@aol.com>

To: lindademirali@yahoo.com

Sent: Monday, August 5, 2013 5:22 PM

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Haley

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From: Linda Demirali <lindademirali@yahoo.com>

To: hveller2 <hveller2@aol.com>

Sent: Mon, Aug 5, 2013 5:05 pm

Subject: GAL Bills

Attorney Veller,

On July 18, 2013 you sent an e-mail stating you spent .25 hours on that day at \$125 total, and then on July 29, 2013 you e-mailed stating you spent .25 hours on that same day but it was at \$62.50. How much is your hourly rate?

Also, the bill you e-mailed dated July 2012 was not filed with the court.

Lastly, there was a bill dated December 2010, but you did not provide a copy of that and nothing was filed with the court. Bill and I had each given you a check in full payment for that.

It is quite relevant that I attain this information, and please let me know your current hourly rate.

Linda Demirali

Subject: Re: Linnell v Linnell: GAL termination and return of remaining retainer

From: hveller2@aol.com (hveller2@aol.com)

To: lindademirali@yahoo.com;

Date: Friday, November 22, 2013 9:36 PM

Hello Linda -

I was not made aware of the Court order of November 12th. Neither of the Attorneys, nor the court has notify me of such. I was told that you had court on November 4th, but that it was unsuccessful and it was being continued. That is the last thing that I had heard until your email.

I was in court today and not in my office. I will return the unused portion of your retainer to you next week. I can't respond "promptly" if I am not made aware.

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From: Linda Demirali <lindademirali@yahoo.com>

To: hveller2 <hveller2@aol.com>

Sent: Fri, Nov 22, 2013 7:03 am

Subject: Linnell v Linnell: GAL termination and return of remaining retainer

Attorney Veller,

As you know, you were terminated on November 12, 2013, and you are required to return any unused portion of the retainer "promptly" to us. It is now 10 days later. When are you returning my money as was ordered by the court?

Please respond directly to me.

Thank you.
Linda Demirali