

6. Court in which you were appointed to this client:
7. Court in which collateral matter is/will be filed:
8. Nature of collateral matter (*i.e.*, divorce, paternity, guardianship):
9. Is the collateral matter already pending/open?
10. Do other parties in the collateral matter have appointed/retained counsel?
Please provide their names.
11. Have you asked each counsel (or unrepresented party) in the underlying case and the collateral case whether the collateral matter be contested?
 No
 Yes.
12. Do you expect the collateral matter to be contested?
 No
 Yes. By whom? _____
12. Explain how the collateral matter will impact or resolve the matter in which you were appointed. (For example: "Once father obtains custody of his son pursuant to a modification of his divorce decree in probate and family court, DCF will agree to dismiss the care and protection proceeding in juvenile court." Or: "The juvenile court will not order guardianship for grandmother unless the probate and family court first vacates a prior guardianship order for Aunt Susan." Or: "DCF will not allow visits unless the district court restraining order is modified). If more information is necessary, feel free to provide it.

PARAMETERS

1. Your assignment as counsel in the care and protection or CHINS action will cover your representation of the client through the initial judgment in the collateral action and may include representation on custody, visitation and related matters. To the extent that issues involving child support arise incidentally to these custody and visitation determinations, they can be included in this coverage. Additional CPCS approval is required for any representation of the client in the prosecution or defense of any future motions or complaints to modify the initial judgment.
2. This authorization is premised on the fact that there is an open, pending care and protection or CHINS action regarding the subject child(ren). In the event that the care and protection or CHINS action is dismissed and the matter becomes a private dispute between the child(ren)'s parents or other adults, any authorization to represent your client in the collateral action terminates. See G.L. c. 119, § 29.
3. You must give other counsel (or unrepresented party) in the underlying case notice of any action/motion you file in the collateral proceeding.

PERMISSION

Granted / Denied

CAFL Staff Attorney

Date

Other Comments: