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Dear Mr. Shuman:

This is a response to your request for an opinion on whether one of your staff attorneys may accept an appointment as a compensated court appointed Guardian Ad Litem. This matter was forwarded to the Office of General Counsel by Anh Tu, Manager, Office of Program Operations, in December 1997.

As you know, one of your attorneys requested your permission to engage in compensated

traditionally assigned to attorneys as advocates for clients. Many of the powers and duties of the guardian listed in the court order.

clients. According to Black's Law Dictionary, guardian ad litem are a special category of

of law, he may not engage in the activity because it does not fall within the type of compensated outside practice permitted under Section 1604.4. If it does not, then the attorney may engage in the activity if approved by you.

The purpose of Part 1604 is to permit recipient attorneys to comply with the reasonable