

§1551. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms have the following meanings. [PL 2013, c. 406, §1 (NEW).]

1. Division. "Division" means the Family Division within the District Court established in section 183.

[PL 2013, c. 406, §1 (NEW).]

2. Guardian ad litem. "Guardian ad litem" means a person appointed as the court's agent to represent the best interests of one or more children pursuant to Title 18-C, section 1-111, Title 19-A, section 1507 or Title 22, section 4005.

[PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. C, §8 (AMD); PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).]

3. Best interests of the child. "Best interests of the child" means an outcome that serves or otherwise furthers the health, safety, well-being, education and growth of the child. In applying the standard of best interests of the child in Title 18-C and Title 19-A cases, the relevant factors set forth in Title 19-A, section 1653, subsection 3 must be considered.

[PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. C, §9 (AMD); PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).]

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