



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM**

BILL NUMBER: <b>HB 338</b>		DATE: <b>2/11/2025</b>	
COMMITTEE: <b>Children and Families</b>			
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<b>WITNESS NAME</b>			
<b>INDIVIDUAL:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>ARNIE C. "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>arniedienoff@yahoo.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>In-Person</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/11/2025 10:59 PM</b>
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**I am in Support of this Bill. "Guardians Ad Litem" have a Ethical, Moral and Legal obligation to represent the Best-Interest of the Child as the child is the Attorney's Client and priority.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>CHRISTOPHER CROSS</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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As a duly court appointed legal guardian myself, I support this Bill. This Bill will correct the defect in Missouri Rules of Professional Conduct, Rule 4-1.14(b) that gives attorneys discretion in whether to protect clients with a diminished capacity. Any attorney appointed by the court to serve as a guardian ad litem is still required to abide by the Missouri Rules of Professional Conduct. I do NOT believe this Bill, in both its application and its reach, goes far enough. Guardian ad litem's should and need to have the same ethical obligations to adult client's with diminished capacities, as this Bill wants them to have with children. In this respect, this Bill does not serve justice for adults who are partially or fully incapacitated, disabled or both, to have a diminished capacity. This Bill still gives guardian ad litem's discretion in whether to take actions to protect the adult client with a diminished capacity.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>MARNIE PARR</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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