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January 20, 2019

Via E-mail Only (childcounsel@mcccourt.com)
Magistrate Lisa Segel

    Re: Appointment for Best Interest Attorney Cases

Dear Magistrate Segel:

Please find enclosed the following in application for the Roster of Court-Approved Child Counsel: Best Interest Attorney:

1. Resume;
2. Child Counsel Training Certificates, dated November 27, 2007 and September 28, 2010; and
3. Proof of Liability Insurance.

I am open and able to accept one pro bono appointment and family law fund case per year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if any additional information is required. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

Christopher W. Roberts

CWR: md
Enclosures

CHRISTOPHER W. ROBERTS

Lerch, Early & Brewer, Chartered
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EDUCATION

University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, MD, *J. D.,* May 2006
- Staff Editor, Journal of Environmental Law

James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA, *B.A. in English, Minor in Education,* December 1999

WORK EXPERIENCE

Lerch, Early & Brewer, Chartered   June 2012 – Present
Principal
Chair, Family Law group
- Prepare and present complex family law cases involving divorce, custody, property, support, post-judgment issues adoptions, and domestic violence matters from inception to conclusion
- Lead family law practice group including six principals, associate attorneys, paralegals, and staff
- Completed 40-hour mediation training and 20-hour property mediation training. Scheduled to complete 20-hour child custody mediation training in April 2020
- Contributing author to Maryland State Bar Association's Maryland Divorce and Separation Law, *Tenth Edition* (2019)
- Regularly handle complex child custody cases on behalf of parents, including cases involving a variety of mental health or emotional issues, alcohol and substance abuse, high-conflict and dysfunction within family structure
- Serve as child counsel in adoption matters by court appointment
- Previously served as a Child Privilege Attorney on behalf of minor children; twice completed training as a Best Interest Attorney for minor children
- Frequently speak on a wide range of family law topics for the Montgomery County Bar Association, Maryland State Bar Association, Maryland Department of Judicial Education, and other public agencies and private groups

Dragga, Hannon, Hessler & Wills, L.L.P.   September 2007 – June 2012
Associate Attorney
- Prepared and presented cases involving divorce, custody, property, support, and domestic violence matters
- Drafted variety of pleadings including complaints, motions, discovery, and trial memoranda
- Coordinated and prepared extensive discovery, including deposition and document requests and production
- Conducted legal research and analyze issues pertaining to proposed and existing legislation, trusts and estates, real and personal property, corporations and partnerships, business valuation, and retirement and pension plans
- Assisted in drafting supplement to *Maryland Family Law*, by John F. Fader, Jr. and Richard J. Gilbert

Chambers of the Honorable Joseph A. Dugan, Jr.   August 2006 – August 2007
Montgomery County Circuit Court, Rockville, MD
Law Clerk
- Researched and drafted bench memoranda analyzing parties' arguments and relevant law, then advised judge
- Received and processed emergent civil and criminal motions concerning a wide variety of legal issues
- Assisted judge in all aspects of trial preparation and management

Law Offices of Ethridge, Quinn, McAuliffe, Rowan & Hartinger   May 2005 – May 2006
Law Clerk
- Researched, prepared, and drafted complaints, motions, discovery, and memoranda
- Assisted attorneys in research and development of large tort claim in U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- Conducted telephone and on-site interviews with clients

Montgomery County Public School System, Rockville, MD   September 2000 – June 2003
High School English Teacher, Thomas S. Wootton High School

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS
- Montgomery County Bar Association
- Maryland State Bar Association

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FAMILY ADMINISTRATION
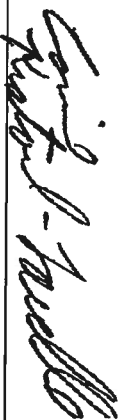
Hereby Certifies that

«Chris Roberts, Esq.»

has Completed a Six and One-Half Hour Skills-Based Training Course in

CHILD COUNSEL TRAINING

held on September 28, 2010 at the
Judiciary Education and Conference Center—Annapolis, Maryland

(signature)

Connie Kratovil-Lavelle, Esq.
Executive Director, Department of Family Administration
Administrative Office of the Courts

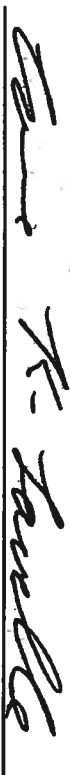# ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS
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ACORD® CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE(MM/DD/YYYY) 03/22/2019

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER	CONTACT NAME:		
Aon Risk Services Northeast, Inc. New York NY Office One Liberty Plaza 165 Broadway, Suite 3201 New York NY 10006 USA	PHONE (A/C. No. Ext): (866) 283-7122		FAX (A/C. No.): (800) 363-0105
	E-MAIL ADDRESS:		

	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE	NAIC #
INSURED Lerch, Early & Brewer, Chtd. 7600 Wisconsin Ave, Suite 700 Bethesda, MD 20814 USA	INSURER A: Indian Harbor Insurance Company	36940
	INSURER B: Hudson Specialty Insurance Company	37079
	INSURER C: Columbia Casualty Company	31127
	INSURER D: Peleus Insurance Company	34118
	INSURER E:	
	INSURER F:	

COVERAGES   CERTIFICATE NUMBER: 570075486340   REVISION NUMBER:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS. **Limits shown are as requested**

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSD	SUBR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS	
	COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY						EACH OCCURRENCE	
	☐ CLAIMS-MADE ☐ OCCUR						DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence)	
							MED EXP (Any one person)	
							PERSONAL & ADV INJURY	
	GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER:						GENERAL AGGREGATE	
	☐ POLICY ☐ PRO-JECT ☐ LOC						PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG	
	OTHER:							
	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY						COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident)	
	☐ ANY AUTO						BODILY INJURY (Per person)	
	☐ OWNED AUTOS ONLY ☐ SCHEDULED AUTOS						BODILY INJURY (Per accident)	
	☐ HIRED AUTOS ONLY ☐ NON-OWNED AUTOS ONLY						PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident)	
	☐ UMBRELLA LIAB ☐ OCCUR						EACH OCCURRENCE	
	☐ EXCESS LIAB ☐ CLAIMS-MADE						AGGREGATE	
	☐ DED ☐ RETENTION							
	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY Y/N ANY PROPRIETOR / PARTNER / EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	☐ N/A					PER STATUTE / OTHER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT	
							E.L. DISEASE-EA EMPLOYEE	
							E.L. DISEASE-POLICY LIMIT	
A B C	Lawyers Prof			LPN 9038490 ATL4100393 652088472	03/16/2019 03/16/2019 03/16/2019	03/16/2020 03/16/2020 03/16/2020	Limit Aggregate	$5,000,000 $5,000,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

Total Limit of Liability: $20,000,000 per claim / $20,000,000 aggregate
Primary Limit (LPN 9038490): $5,000,000 per claim / $5,000,000 aggregate
1st Excess Limit (ATL4100393): $5,000,000 per claim / $5,000,000 aggregate
2nd Excess Limit (652088472 / XPL409631-0): $10,000,000 per claim / $10,000,000 aggregate
Errors & Omissions coverage is a Claims Made policy. There is no Additional Insured status on the Errors and Omissions coverage.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER	CANCELLATION
Montgomery County Circuit Court 50 Maryland Avenue Rockville, MD 20850 USA	SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE *Aon Risk Services Northeast, Inc.*

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ADDITIONAL REMARKS SCHEDULE

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AGENCY	NAMED INSURED
Aon Risk Services Northeast, Inc.	Lerch, Early & Brewer, Chtd.

POLICY NUMBER
See Certificate Number: 570075486340

CARRIER	NAIC CODE	
See Certificate Number: 570075486340		EFFECTIVE DATE:

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

THIS ADDITIONAL REMARKS FORM IS A SCHEDULE TO ACORD FORM,
FORM NUMBER: ACORD 25   FORM TITLE: Certificate of Liability Insurance

INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE	NAIC #
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ADDITIONAL POLICIES   If a policy below does not include limit information, refer to the corresponding policy on the ACORD certificate form for policy limits.

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	OTHER							
D				XPL409631-0	03/16/2019	03/16/2020		

ACORD 101 (2008/01)