

4. (Draft) Rule 306 Judgment in Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship

2. The following provisions apply in a suit filed by a governmental entity that seeks the termination of the parent-child relationship or appointment of the entity as a child's conservator. The judgment must contain one of the following express statements regarding appointment of an attorney ad litem to pursue a parent's or alleged father's appeal.
 - a. The attorney ad litem will continue the representation for appellate proceedings; or
 - b. The attorney ad litem is replaced by another attorney who will continue the representation for appellate proceedings; or
 - c. The attorney ad litem is discharged without continuing the representation for appellate proceedings based upon a finding of good cause. For purposes of this subpart, "good cause" means ~~either of~~ the following:
 - i. The parent or alleged father failed to appear after proper personal citation; or
 - ii. The attorney ad litem appointed for the parent or alleged father was unable despite diligent efforts to identify or locate the alleged father; or
 - iii. After being located by the attorney ad litem, the parent or alleged father failed to appear at the trial on the merits; or
 - iv. After being located by the attorney ad litem, the parent or alleged father never expressed to the attorney ad litem a desire to exercise the right to appeal the judgment to the court of appeals or to the Supreme Court of Texas.