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JULES R. BRICKER

PAUL D. MURPHY, JR. OF COUNSEL

April 11, 2018

To Whom It May Concern 50 Maryland Avenue Rockville, MD 20850

Re: Child Counsel Application

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am asking to be added to the roster of court approved child counsel. I attach hereto my certificate of completion of 6.5 hours of training on March 9, 2018. I attach hereto a copy of my current E&O Declaration Page and further agree to maintain at all times malpractice coverage. I attach hereto a copy of my current Curriculum Vitae.

As indicated by my Curriculum Vitae, I was admitted to practice law in Maryland in November of 1989 and have been employed as an attorney since April of 1990. I have been in solo practice since 1994. During that past 28 years, a substantial part of my practice has been in the area of family law, including a wide variety of child custody cases. I have also been privileged to observe the fine work of many excellent best interest attorney.

My life, and inadvertently my law practice took a very interesting and unexpected turn in 2009 when I married for the first time at age 45, and became a father for the first time at age 47. While I believe that I was a reasonably skilled family law attorney prior to my marriage, I can say without a doubt that becoming a parent has been the single greatest "MICPEL" I ever could have received as an attorney in child custody disputes. I believe that my personal experiences as a parent have given me a much greater understanding of the needs and perspectives of children, particularly in the age group of my children (daughters ages 6 and 4). Prior to becoming a parent, but most definitely since I became a parent, I feel that I have the skill and pleasure of being able to communicate with children in a way which enables me to begin to understand what a child needs and wants. Of course, as a child advocate nominee, I understand the necessity of gathering information which would help me gain a fuller perspective regarding the needs of a child, which may be different than what a child may state that they want.

In additional to my child custody practice, since approximately 1994 I have accepted appointments by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, serving as an investigating attorney in adult guardianship cases, as Guardian of the Property of disabled children and adults, and as Trustee of special needs trusts. During these many years, I have been available to assist the Court in cases where I knew I was not going to get paid, and

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have willingly accepted such appointments without reservation. In fact, I recently reminded the Prince George's County Trust Attorney that it had been many years since I was appointed in a pro bono case...and promptly received another order of appointment. Likewise, I have accepted both simple and complex pro bono and low bono cases as a member of the Bar Association of Montgomery County. Of course, I understand my obligation to accept a pro bono case as a condition of my addition to the roster, but also my obligation to the community to continue to accept appointments within my ability to do so.

In conclusion, I would be honored to be added to the list of child advocates. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or request any further information.

Respectfully,

Jules R. Bricker

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Jules R. Bricker

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Hereby certifies that on March 9, 2018

## JULES R. BRICKER

Completed a six and a half hour skills-based training course held at the Universities at Shady Grove in Rockville, MD

## **Child Counsel Training**

for Best Interest, Child Advocate, and Child Privilege Attorneys in accordance with Guideline 4 of the Maryland Guidelines for Practice for Court-Appointed Lawyers Representing Children in Cases Involving Child Custody or Child Access

Yesenia Mendez

Yesenia Mendez, Continuing Legal Education Coordinator



## CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

**BRICK-1** OP ID: JV

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY) 07/24/2017

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#### **EDUCATION**

University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, Maryland Juris Doctor: May 1989 Honors and Activities:

American Jurisprudence Award for Excellence in Law and Economics American Trial Lawyers Association Trial Advocacy Competition Team

University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland Bachelor of Arts in Government & Politics: December 1985

#### **EXPERIENCE**

#### **Principal**

Law Offices of Jules R. Bricker, P.A., Rockville, Maryland

7/94 to date

- **Estate Matters**. Advise clients regarding appropriate estate planning. Prepare estate planning documents including wills, powers of attorney, and revocable trusts. Handle all aspects of probate;
- **Family law**. Represent clients in all phases of family law disputes, including the preparation of pre-nuptial agreements, negotiation and drafting of separation agreements, representing clients in family law cases involving separation, divorce, child support, child custody, alimony and property disputes, and modification actions throughout Maryland;
- General litigation. Represent clients in all phases of lawsuits involving corporate matters, real estate
  disputes, and personal injury and guardianship matters;
- Guardianship. Serve as court appointed attorney for alleged disabled persons, serve as guardian of the
  property and special needs trustee, and represent clients in all aspects of guardianship matters;
- Mediation (since 2014). Assist individuals in any matter in which a qualified mediator could assist in resolving disputes; and
- Real Estate. Draft and review real estate contracts and leases, prepare deeds, review settlement
  documents, review and help resolve real estate title issues, conduct residential settlements, commercial
  settlements, residential refinances, and commercial refinances.

Associate Attorney 4/90 to 7/94

The Law Office of Gerald Solomon, P.A., Greenbelt, Maryland

Represented clients at numerous hearings, trials, and appeals primarily arising out of family law disputes. Assisted Mr. Solomon in firm management, hiring personnel, and supervision of junior associates.

#### **LICENSURE**

Court of Appeals of Maryland, November 1989
United States District Court for the District of Maryland, 1990
United States District Court for the District of Columbia, 2000
Notary Public of the State of Maryland, 1999- date
Maryland Insurance Administration, Certificate of Qualification, Title Insurance Producer, 1999- date

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Inns of Court, Montgomery County Chapter, 2014-date Maryland State Bar Association Montgomery County Bar Association