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<b>In Re:</b> <b>Petitioner:</b> <b>Respondent/Co-Petitioner:</b>		
Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address): Phone Number: E-mail: FAX Number: Atty.Reg.#:		Case Number: Division Courtroom
<b>Order Appointing Legal Representative</b>		

The Court, having reviewed the Court file and the pleadings within, finds that the appointment of a Legal Representative is necessary to protect the best interests of the minor child(ren) pursuant to C.R.S. §14-10-116(2)(a), It is therefore ORDERED that \_\_\_\_\_, whose address and telephone number are \_\_\_\_\_, is appointed the child(ren)'s Representative to represent the best interests of the minor child(ren). The Representative shall comply with the requirements of Chief Justice Directive 97-02 and any further directives regarding legal representatives.

The Representative is appointed because this case involves:

- an unborn child
- high conflict between the parties
- determination of paternity
- allegations of abuse
- a special needs child
- other \_\_\_\_\_

The Representative is directed to investigate and make recommendations to the Court concerning:

- allocation of parental responsibilities
- property division
- parenting time
- allegations of abuse
- conflicts between the parties
- potential dependency and neglect issues
- other \_\_\_\_\_

It is further ORDERED that the minor child(ren), whom the Representative represents, shall be a party to this action, and the Representative shall serve as an officer of the Court in representing the child(ren). The Representative shall be provided by all parties with copies of all pleadings and papers herein. The Representative shall be notified before any action affecting the minor child(ren) is taken by either party or their counsel. The Representative shall file such pleadings and move or petition the Court for such relief as may be deemed appropriate or necessary by the Representative, and shall be required to be a party signatory to any stipulation or agreement (whether temporary or permanent) affecting the interest or welfare of the minor child(ren).

It is further ORDERED that without any further release or liability the Representative, upon presentation of a certified copy of this order to any agency, hospital, organization, school, person or office, including the clerk of this court, pediatrician, psychologist, psychiatrist, law enforcement agency, or social service agency, shall have access to inspect and copy records relevant to the best interests of the minor child(ren). The Representative shall maintain information received from any source as confidential, and it shall not be disclosed except in reports filed

with the Court in this action, to the parties in this action and their respective counsel, or as further authorized by order of the Court.

It is further ORDERED that unless the appointment is expressly continued by the Court, the appointment of the Representative shall terminate upon the entry of a decree of dissolution and permanent orders or upon resolution of the post-decree motion.

It is further ORDERED that the fees of the Legal Representative shall be paid

\_\_\_\_\_ % by the Petitioner

\_\_\_\_\_ % by the Respondent

\_\_\_\_\_ % by the State, based upon the indigency of a responsible party.

A retainer of \_\_\_\_\_ shall be paid to the representative on or before \_\_\_\_\_. The Representative's fees are to be billed at an hourly rate of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ during pendency of this action. Any excess retainer shall be refunded by the Representative.

It is further ORDERED that the matter of the Representative's fees may be reconsidered at a future hearing. Consideration as to the payment of the Representative's fees shall be based upon the financial status of the parties as well as the necessity and reasonableness of the Representative's fees. If there is any basis for state payment of the parties' share of the expense of the Representative because of indigency, there must be a proper motion filed with the Court complete with the indigent party's application form JDF-208 and a copy of the other party's most recent financial affidavit.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

BY THE COURT:

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District Court Judge