



# Macomb County Probate Court

**Probate Judges:**

JAMES M. BIERNAT JR., *Chief Judge*  
SANDRA A. HARRISON  
SARA A. SCHIMKE

**Deputy Court Administrator/Register**

JOHN D. BRENNAN

## GAL TRAINING SEMINAR 2022

Macomb County Court Building  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Jury Room  
Monday, December 12, 2022  
1-4 pm

### **AGENDA**

- 1:00 pm Robert Szalka, Director of Legal Services
- Quirks of the Macomb County Probate Court
  - Updates of Probate Legislation and Court Rules
  - GAL Appointment List – Procedures and Policies
  - Adult Guardian Reviews
  - Fees
- 1:25 pm Julie Strawn, Court Attorney
- Court Appointed Attorney – Roles and Duties
  - Duties of Guardians Ad Litem
- 1:45 pm How to Best Represent Minors as a GAL/LGAL Mayssa Attia
- 2:05 pm How to Best Represent Mentally Ill Individuals Jerry Addy
- 2:25 pm How to Best Represent Developmentally Disabled Individuals Lisa Lepine
- 2:40 pm BREAK
- 3:00 pm GAL Feedback – Advice and comments from current GALs  
Panel: Elizabeth Ferguson, Don Slavin, Greg Mlynarek, and Henry Sachs.
- 3:30 pm Probate Judges' Points of View Questions Hon. Sandra A. Harrison  
Hon. Sara A. Schimke