

\* Rule 27

A. Appearance of minor parties by guardian or conservator.

When a minor, who has a conservator of such minor's estate or a guardian, is a party to any action, such minor shall appear by the conservator or guardian as may be appropriate or, if the court so orders, by a guardian ad litem appointed by the court in which the action is brought. If the minor does not have a conservator of such minor's estate or a guardian, the minor shall appear by a guardian ad litem appointed by the court. The court shall appoint some suitable person to act as guardian ad litem:

A.(1) When the minor is plaintiff, upon application of the minor, if the minor is 14 years of age or older, or upon application of a relative or friend of the minor if the minor is under 14 years of age.

A.(2) When the minor is defendant, upon application of the minor, if the minor is 14 years of age or older, filed within the period of time specified by [law] these rules or other rule or statute for appearance and answer after service of summons, or if the minor fails so to apply or is under 14 years of age, upon application of any other party or of a relative or friend of the minor.

B. Appearance of incapacitated person by conservator or guardian. When an incapacitated person, who has a conservator of such person's estate or a guardian, is a party to any action,

the incapacitated person shall appear by the conservator or guardian as may be appropriate or, if the court so orders, by a guardian ad litem appointed by the court in which the action is brought. If the incapacitated person does not have a conservator of such person's estate or a guardian, the incapacitated person shall appear by a guardian ad litem appointed by the court. The court shall appoint some suitable person to act as guardian ad litem:

B.(1) When the incapacitated person is plaintiff, upon application of a relative or friend of the incapacitated person.

B.(2) When the incapacitated person is defendant, upon application of a relative or friend of the incapacitated person filed within the period of time specified by [[law] these rules or other rule or statute for appearance and answer after service of summons, or if the application is not so filed, upon application of any party other than the incapacitated person.