**§1551. Definitions**

As used in this chapter, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms have the following meanings. [PL 2013, c. 406, §1 (NEW).]

**1. Division.**  "Division" means the Family Division within the District Court established in section 183.

[PL 2013, c. 406, §1 (NEW).]

**2. Guardian ad litem.**  "Guardian ad litem" means a person appointed as the court's agent to represent the best interests of one or more children pursuant to Title 18‑C, section 1‑111, Title 19‑A, section 1507 or Title 22, section 4005.

[PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. C, §8 (AMD); PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).]

**3. Best interests of the child.**  "Best interests of the child" means an outcome that serves or otherwise furthers the health, safety, well-being, education and growth of the child. In applying the standard of best interests of the child in Title 18‑C and Title 19‑A cases, the relevant factors set forth in Title 19‑A, section 1653, subsection 3 must be considered.

[PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. C, §9 (AMD); PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).]

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