CRC 5.240(e)
Local Rule 16.19 E

# FAMILY COURT
# COMPLAINT FORM: MINOR'S COUNSEL
# Butte County Superior Court

The Family Division of the Butte County Superior Court appreciates your taking the time to advise us of your complaint concerning the performance of Court-Appointed Minor's Counsel. We are committed to responding to your concerns in a prompt and thorough manner.

Please complete the form and return it in person or mail it to the Butte County Superior Court - Clerk's Office - Family Law Division at 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, California 95928. Your complaint will be reviewed by the Supervising Judge of the Family Law Division.

Points of Interest:

1. Responsibility for making the court orders concerning your parenting arrangements rests with the Judge. No one but a Judge can make an order awarding custody and visitation.

2. Submitting a complaint through the use of the attached form is not a method to obtain a review or reversal of the Court orders that have been made in your case. Neither Minor's Counsel nor this complaint process can reverse or change your Court-ordered parenting plan. Only a Judge can change an existing Court order. If you are concerned about the parenting plan orders that were made by a Judge, you should seek legal advice on how you can have the matter reviewed within the Court process.

3. Pursuant to the Family Code, California Rules of Court and Local Rules, Minor's Counsel is to advocate for what he/she believes is in his/her client's, your child(ren)'s, best interest. Minor's Counsel also must advise the Court of their client's preferences, if any.

4. A complaint about how Minor's Counsel performed his/her statutory functions can be addressed in your complaint and will be responded to by the Supervising Judge of the Family Law Division pursuant to Local Rule 16.19 E.

5. Upon receipt of your complaint, the Supervising Judge of the Family Law Division will:
    - Review your complaint
    - Talk with Minor's Counsel assigned to your case
    - Determine whether your complaint is a matter that can be addressed by this complaint process
    - Provide you with a written response

# Minor's Counsel Complaint Form

Please complete the following items to help us better understand your complaint. This form will not be placed in your Family Law Court case file.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Case Number: _____

Do you have an attorney? ☐ Yes ☐ No Attorney's Name: _____

This complaint is about Minor's Counsel, Mr./Ms. _____

Is the case ongoing at this time? ☐ Yes ☐ No

When did the action about which you are concerned happen?

- ☐ Within the last month
- ☐ Within the last three months
- ☐ Within the last year
- ☐ More than one year ago

What is your complaint? Please be specific.

What other information do you think is important for us to know?

_____ _____

Signature Date

(Unsigned or anonymous complaints cannot be accepted)