

"Include" § 1-101

"Parent" § 5-301

5-3A-07.

(b) (1) In [a case] AN ADOPTION PROCEEDING under this subtitle, a court shall appoint an attorney to represent a [child] PROSPECTIVE ADOPTEE WHO:

(i) [who] IS AT LEAST 10 YEARS OLD; AND

(II) 1. IS A MINOR; OR

2. has a disability that makes the [child] PROSPECTIVE ADOPTEE incapable of effectively participating in the [case; or

(ii) if the child must decide whether to consent to the adoption, who is at least 10 years old] PROCEEDING.

COMMITTEE NOTE: Subsection (b)(1) of this section is amended to clarify that, absent a disability, counsel is appointed for those over 10 years of age only during their minority.

As to "minor", see Art. 1, § 24 of the Code.

Defined term: "Disability" § 5-101

5-3A-13.

(b) A court may grant guardianship under this subtitle only for a [child] MINOR.

COMMITTEE NOTE: Subsection (b) of this section is amended to substitute "minor" for "child", to reinstate the former limitation on guardianship of those under 18 years of age. As to "minor", see Art. 1, § 24 of the Code.

Defined term: "Guardianship" § 5-3A-01

5-3A-16.

[In addition to any investigation required under § 5-3A-21 of this subtitle, before] BEFORE ruling on a guardianship petition, a court may order any investigation that the court considers necessary.

COMMITTEE NOTE: This section is amended to delete an extraneous cross-reference.

Defined term: "Guardianship" § 5-3A-01

5-3A-17.

(b) A court may not enter a final order for guardianship under this subtitle until the later of expiration of the time for:

(2) the filing of a [notice of objection] RESPONSE TO AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE.