

5-309. ASSESSMENT OF COSTS.

A JUVENILE COURT MAY ASSIGN COUNSEL FEES AND COSTS AMONG THE PARTIES TO A CASE AS THE JUVENILE COURT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE AND THE PARTIES' ECONOMIC SITUATIONS ALLOW.

COMMITTEE NOTE: This section is derived from the second sentence of former FL § 5-323(d) but revised to allow assessment of costs, in addition to counsel fees, and to require consideration of the "economic situations" of the parties.

Defined terms: "Juvenile court" § 1-101

"Party" § 5-301

5-310. APPEAL.

A PARTY TO A CASE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MAY APPEAL TO THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS:

(1) IN AN INTERLOCUTORY APPEAL, FROM A DENIAL OF THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN A GUARDIANSHIP CASE BEFORE ENTRY OF AN ORDER FOR GUARDIANSHIP;

(2) IN AN INTERLOCUTORY APPEAL, FROM A DENIAL OF THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ADOPTION CASE UNDER PART III OF THIS SUBTITLE; OR

(3) FROM A FINAL ORDER.

COMMITTEE NOTE: This section is derived from former FL § 5-330 and revised to cover guardianship cases under this subtitle but limit interlocutory appeals to issues as to participation in a guardianship case or an adoption case before termination of parental rights.

In item (3) of this section, the former word "decree" is omitted as unnecessary in light of the word "order".

Defined terms: "Guardianship" § 5-301

"Party" § 5-301

5-311. RESERVED.

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PART II. GUARDIANSHIP.

5-313. PETITION.

(A) REQUIRED.

EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 5-331 OF THIS SUBTITLE, A PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP SHALL PRECEDE A PETITION FOR ADOPTION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) PETITIONER.