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| **In the Matter of:** | | | | | Superior Court of New Jersey | | | |
| **In the Matter of the Guardianship of:** | | | | | Chancery Division - Family Part | | | |
| **Kinship Matter of:** | | | | | County of | - Select County - | | |
|  | | | | | Docket Number: | | - | |
|  | | | | | NJSpirit Case Number: | | |  |
|  | | | | | **Civil Action**  **Kinship Legal Guardianship**  **Multipurpose Order**  **Entering Default (FL)**  **Scheduling Hearing (FL)**  **Granting/Denying Legal Guardianship (FL)**  **Dismiss/Withdraw Complaint for KLG (FL)** | | | |
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| NJSpirit Participant Number: | | |  |  |
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This matter having been brought before the Court on , 20 , and in the presence of:

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| the child |  | appearing /  not appearing,  spoken language interpreter required  language:  represented by |
| Law Guardian |  | ,  appearing /  not appearing |

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| Caregiver [initials only in Division cases] |  | appearing /  not appearing |
|  |  | notified /  not notified |
|  |  | spoken language interpreter required  language: |

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| Caregiver [initials only in Division cases] |  | appearing /  not appearing |
|  |  | notified /  not notified |
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| Defendant/Parent/Guardian |  | appearing /  not appearing,  spoken language interpreter required  language: |
|  |  | notified/  not notified,  represented by |
| Attorney |  | appearing /  not appearing |

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| Defendant/Parent/Guardian | | |  | appearing /  not appearing,  spoken language interpreter required  language: | |
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| Attorney | |  | | appearing /  not appearing | |
| Court Appointed Special Advocate |  | | | | appearing /  not appearing |

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| Division Caseworker/ Supervisor |  | | | | appearing /  not appearing |
| Division Phone number: | |  | | ext.: , represented by | |
| Deputy Attorney General: | | |  | | appearing /  not appearing |

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| Other: |  |  | appearing /  not appearing |

And the court having considered the complaint and the evidence and for the reasons stated on the record and in the best interest of the minor child;

**It is on this day of**   **, 20 , Ordered that:**

**1.** **For applications made by the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (the Division) only:**

The permanency plan for Kinship Legal Guardianship is approved.

Until Judgment of Kinship Legal Guardianship is entered, the minor child shall remain in the care, custody and supervision of the Division. All prior orders entered under the related FC and FN/FG dockets remain in effect unless modified herein.

The Court previously determined under the FN/FG docket that the defendant(s) were entitled to representation through the Office of the Public Defender due to their indigency. The Court continues to find that the defendant(s)  
 is/are indigent and is/are entitled to continued representation through the Office of the Public Defender (pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 9:6-8.21, *et seq.* and *N.J.S.A.* 30:4C-15.4) under the FL docket.

2. A default is entered against . Parties have been served by:  
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3. Parent(s) consent to the entry of a Judgment for Kinship Legal Guardianship.

4. A hearing on the matter is scheduled on , 20 , at    .

Failure to appear might result in the entry of a Default Order that grants KLG to the caregiver.

And the Court having reviewed the complaint, the assessment and attachments thereto, and [name of document], [label], in evidence, [name of document],[label], in evidence, and having considered the representations of counsel and testimony, if any, and for the reasons stated on the record,

**It Is Further Ordered That:**

**1.** The complaint for Kinship Legal Guardianship is hereby  denied /  dismissed /   
 withdrawn for the following reasons:

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**2.** Based on **clear and convincing evidence**, the complaint for Kinship Legal Guardianship is hereby granted for the following reasons: [must complete a, b & c in every case]

1. Each parent's incapacity is of such a serious nature as to demonstrate that the parents are unable, unavailable or unwilling to perform the expected functions of care and support of child as follows:

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1. Each parent's inability to perform these functions is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future for the following reasons:

1. Awarding kinship legal guardianship is in the child’s best interest for the following reasons:

**d.** **(For cases involving the Division only)**

**(1)** The Division has exercised reasonable efforts to reunify child with birth parents as follows:

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**(2)** These efforts were unsuccessful because:

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**3.** [If applicable] The Support Order entered per FD- remains in effect, except as amended as follows:

     
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Further actions concerning the parties and issues of parenting time will proceed under the FL docket. Any issues involving child support, third party visitation or change of custody will proceed under the FD docket, without representation through the Office of the Public Defender.

**4.** Entry of the Judgment of Kinship Legal Guardianship as to   
(child’s name)    
will conclude/dispose of FC- ; FN- ; FG- .

**5.** The appointment of the Court Appointed Special Advocated (CASA) volunteer to the above-named child(ren) is hereby terminated as the case is closed and the services of the CASA volunteer and CASA program are no longer required. The CASA volunteer shall return all records and correspondence pertaining to the above referenced matter to the CASA program office within 28 days.

**6.** All provisions of the attached Judgment of Kinship Legal Guardianship of this date are incorporated by reference.

**7.** The matter has been adjourned until , 20 .

**8.**      
     
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|  | , J.S.C. |

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**All prior orders not vacated or changed by this order shall remain in full force and effect.**

**Attorneys must review the form of order prior to conclusion of the proceeding. Any changes to this order shall be made pursuant to R. 1:13-1.**

Distribution: FC/FN/FG File, FL File, Parties, Counsel, CASA