

CASA IN THE COURTROOM

The “Official” Role of CASA Children’s Code article 424

- 1) “...to **assist the court** in fulfilling its duties and responsibilities to children brought into court...”
- 2) “...special duty and responsibility the **advocacy of the best interests** of the child involved in the juvenile proceeding in which he is appointed...”
“...to advocate what he perceives to be in the best interest of the child for whom he is appointed in all matters pending before the court...”
“...Advocate on behalf of the children involved in the cases in which they are appointed what they perceive to be in the best interest of the children...”
- 3) “...**Provide independent, factual information to the court** regarding the children and cases to which they are appointed...”

...reports of the CASA volunteer shall be directed to the presiding judge...”
- 4) “...**Monitor proceedings** in cases in which they have been appointed ...”
- 5) “...**advise and assist the court in its determination of the best interest** of the children involved...”
- 6) “...may be called as a **witness**...and may request of the court the opportunity to appear as a witness...”
- 7) “...may **request a hearing** before the court...”

Role description includes:

- C Advocate
- C Advisor
- C Investigator
- C Monitor
- C Reporter
- C Witness
- C “Party”