# CAPTION: HO V. CO

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SUMMARY:

The trial court abused its discretion when it awarded the guardian ad litem fees incurred during litigation before the common pleas court where the fees fell outside the scope of the guardian ad litem’s appointment.

The trial court abused its discretion when it awarded the guardian ad litem fees where the guardian ad litem failed to comply with the procedural requirements of both Sup.R. 48.03(H) and Loc.R. 10.5, and the trial court did not provide mother with an opportunity to challenge the reasonableness of the fees.

JUDGMENTS: REVERSED AND CAUSE REMANDED

JUDGES: OPINION by BERGERON, J.; BOCK, P.J., and KINSLEY, J., CONCUR.