

**Matter of Serenity J. R.**

Motion No: 2024-03506

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Decided on September 26, 2024

Appellate Division, First Department, Motion Decision

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**Supreme Court of the State of New York**  
**Appellate Division, First Judicial Department**

Present – Hon. Dianne T. Renwick,  
Sallie Manzanet-Daniels  
Troy K. Webber  
Cynthia S. Kern  
Jeffrey K. Oing,

Presiding Justice,  
  
Justices.

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In the Matter of the Guardianship of the  
Person and Custody of

Serenity J. R.,

A Dependent Child Under 18 Years of Age  
Pursuant to Section 384-b of the Social  
Services Law of the State of New York.

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Good Shepherd Services,  
Petitioner-Respondent,

-against-

Miguel R., also known as Miguel I. R., also  
known as Irving M. R.,  
Respondent-Appellant.

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Richard Cardinale, Esq.,  
Attorney for the Child.

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Motion No.      2024-03506  
Case No.        2024-04069  
Docket No.     B-9598-20

Ellen Winter Mendelson, Esq., Family Court Attorney for the subject child,  
having moved on the child’s behalf for leave to respond, as a poor person, to the appeal  
taken to this Court from an order and judgment (one paper) of the Family Court, Bronx  
County, entered on or about June 20, 2024, for the assignment of counsel, a free copy of  
the transcript, and for related relief,

Now, upon reading and filing the papers with respect to the motion, and the  
certification of Ellen Winter Mendelson, Esq., dated July 16, 2024, and due deliberation  
having been had thereon,

It is ordered that the motion is granted to the extent of (1) assigning, pursuant to §1120 of the Family Court Act, Richard Cardinale, Esq., 26 Court Street, Suite #1507, Brooklyn, New York, 11242, Telephone No. 917-853-9391, as counsel for purposes of responding to the appeal; (2) permitting movant to respond to the appeal upon a reproduced respondent's brief, on condition that one copy of such brief be served upon the attorney for each party to the appeal, and an original, five hard copies and, if represented by counsel, one digital copy of such brief, are filed with this Court pursuant to 22 NYCRR 1250.9.

ENTERED: September 26, 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susanna Molina Rojas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "M".

Susanna Molina Rojas  
Clerk of the Court