

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

ELENA STURDZA,

Plaintiff,

v.
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES,

Defendant.

Civil Action 98-02051 (HHK)

ORDER

This case is before the court on remand from the United States Court of Appeals. The Court of Appeals vacated this court's order appointing a guardian ad litem for Elena Sturdza because it determined that this court had not provided her "clear notice and an opportunity to be heard" before the appointment. Having provided Sturdza notice and an opportunity to be heard,¹ this court again concludes that the motion for appointment of a guardian ad litem should be granted. The court will file a memorandum fully setting forth the rationale for its decision as soon as this court is able given the competing demands of this court's docket. The court issues this order now so that issue of whether a guardian is appropriately appointed to represent Sturdza can be resolved as promptly as possible.

Accordingly, it is this 27th day of May 2009, hereby

ORDERED that the motion for appointment of a guardian ad litem is **GRANTED**.

Henry H. Kennedy, Jr.
United States District Judge

¹ A hearing was held on May 13, 2009, for the specific purpose of hearing Sturdza on the question of whether a guardian should be appointed.

