

APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR A MINOR

CHECKLIST

Use the forms and instructions in this packet ONLY if the following factors apply to your situation:

You want to have the Court appoint a guardian for a minor, and you know that you do not need the Court to appoint a conservator for the minor, **AND**

After giving notice of the petition for guardianship to BOTH parents (if living), one or both parents will sign a voluntary consent, and/or neither parent will file papers to oppose the guardianship*, **AND**

If you are not related to the minor, you already have or you will get your fingerprints taken.

*NOTE: If either parent files papers opposing a guardianship, it will NOT be granted. An attorney may be able to advise whether another action such as for "Juvenile Dependency" or non-parent legal decision making may be appropriate.

Information About When A Guardian Is Needed: A minor generally needs a guardian if the minor needs the care and supervision of an adult, which is not presently available.

Information About When A Conservator Is Needed: A minor generally needs a conservator:

1. If the minor owns money or property or receives annual income in excess of \$5,000.00 that requires management or protection, which cannot be otherwise provided;
2. The minor has business affairs/assets which may be jeopardized or prevented by his or her being a minor; and/or
3. The minor needs funds for his or her support and education and protection is necessary or desirable to obtain or provide the funds.

<p>READ ME: It is very important for you to know that when you sign a court document, you may be helping or hurting your court case. Before you sign and court document, or get involved with a court case, it is important that you see a lawyer to make sure you are doing the right thing.</p>
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