

Terminology

- 1. Guardianship**
Procedure filed in Probate Court when someone can not take care of herself where someone is asking to be appointed as Guardian or Conservator to act on their behalf personally or financially.
- 2. Guardian**
Person who makes daily decisions. Formerly known as Guardian of the Person
- 3. Conservator**
The person who handles the finances and property of the Ward. Formerly known as Guardian of the Property.
Some Wards have Conservators. Some do not.
- 4. Petitioner**
One who files the petition for Guardianship or Conservatorship is usually the one asking to be appointed in that capacity.
- 5. IA**
Incapacitated Adult
Person in need of Card
- 6. Ward**
Someone cared for through Guardianship. Also know as an IA
- 7. Evaluator**
Trained medical personnel who determine if someone is in need of a Guardian or Conservator.
- 8. GAL**
Guardian Ad Litem
Someone appointed by the Court to investigate and make a determination as to the best interest of the Ward
- 9. Appointed Attorney**
Individual hired to advocate the desires of the ward which may or may not be in his/her best interest.