

Forms and Procedures for Petitioning for Successor Guardianship of a Minor

Forms can be found online at: <https://www.wicourts.gov/forms1/circuit/formcategory.jsp?Category=17>

Then click on link [48.9795 – Guardian of the Person of a Child](#) for forms (see below)

You can also purchase forms at the Dane County Law Library located in the basement of the Dane County Courthouse, 215 S. Hamilton St, Madison, WI 53703. Call 608-266-6316 for assistance.

Procedure for Petitioning for Successor Guardianship of the Person of a Minor

- 1) Complete the forms and call 266-4331 for an appointment to set up a case.
- 2) In the alternative, you may complete the forms and then file the forms by mailing, filing in person or faxing to the probate office. Your originals will be mailed back to you including an Order and Notice of Hearing and an Order Appointing a Guardian ad Litem. These documents need to be served on the ward, any current guardian and on any other interested party. Please call to discuss service once you receive your forms back and ask for Gina.
- 3) Pro se parties may choose to electronically file a new case or opt into an existing case to e-file documents. If you are opting into an existing case, please see your notice of electronic filing or call the probate court for your opt in code. You must enter your name exactly as it is in the case. There is a one time \$20 opt in fee or electronic filing fee (for filing of a new case) but then you will have full access to the case.
- 4) At your appointment (if you have chosen this option), you will be given an Order Appointing a Guardian ad Litem and an Order and Notice of Hearing. These documents need to be served on the ward, any current guardian and on any other interested parties along with any other forms filed with the court.
- 5) Once service is completed, then you must file an Affidavit of Service (GN-3120) with the Probate Court to show that you have served all the interested parties. If service is not completed, your Petition may be set over or denied.
- 6) Attorneys should call ahead to get a date and time for a hearing and to acquire the name of the Guardian ad Litem that will be appointed. Attorneys should then prepare an Order and Notice of Hearing and an Order Appointing a Guardian ad Litem and e-file these proposed orders along with the other forms required **in the existing guardianship case.**

FORMS

- 1) [JN-1580 Petition for Appointment of Successor Guardian](#)
- 2) [GF-150 Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act Affidavit](#)
- 3) [JN-1514 Statement by Proposed Guardian.](#)
- 4) [JN-1510 Nomination of Guardian by Parent or child](#) This form can be filled out by either parent and/or child if 12 years or older.
- 5) [JD-1825 Affidavit of Service](#)

***Disclaimer-**This information is intended solely as a guideline for those petitioning the Probate Court for Temporary or Permanent Guardianship of a Minor or Adult/or other Petitions in probate court. It is not meant to be legal advice, nor is it legal advice in any fashion. The following information does not in any way remove from the petitioner the responsibility to research and comply with all applicable statutory requirements for the filing and processing of a minor guardianship action, including service requirements. For those petitioners who have specific legal questions concerning the filing of a Minor Guardianship and legal requirements relating to the same, you may wish to consult with an attorney.