

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT BERRIEN COUNTY	PETITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> TERMINATE <input type="checkbox"/> MODIFY GUARDIANSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> LEGALLY INCAPACITATED INDIVIDUAL <input type="checkbox"/> MINOR	CASE NO. and JUDGE
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Court address 811 Port St., St. Joseph, MI 49085	Court telephone no. (269) 983-7111
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In the matter of _____
 First, middle, and last name

Court ORI	Current age of ward	Race	Sex	Current address of ward
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Petitioner's name, address, and telephone no.

Petitioner's attorney, bar no., address, and telephone no.

1. I am interested in this matter as _____
 State relationship/interest

2. a. The interested persons for the minor, their relationship to the minor, and their addresses are:

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER			
	Parent/Age _____	Street address			
		City	State	Zip	Telephone No.
	Parent/Age _____	Street address			
		City	State	Zip	Telephone No.
	Conservator	Street address			
		City	State	Zip	Telephone No.
	Guardian	Street address			
		City	State	Zip	Telephone No.
	Person with care/ custody of minor*	Street address			
		City	State	Zip	Telephone No.

*Also list persons who had principal care and custody of the minor during the 63 days preceding filing the petition.

- b. The minor is a member of an Indian tribe, or is eligible for membership in an Indian tribe. The name of the tribe is _____.
- The minor is not an Indian child as defined by MCR 3.002(12).
- It is unknown whether the minor is an Indian child as defined by MCR 3.002(12).

2. (continued)

c. If this guardianship is terminated, the minor child will be returned to _____

3. The incapacitated individual, whose telephone number is _____, has a guardian whose

address is _____ and has

a spouse adult child(ren) living parents whose name(s) and address(es) are listed below.

no spouse, adult child(ren), or parent(s). The names and addresses of presumptive heirs** are listed below.

none of the above (must notify the Attorney General***).

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER			
		Street address			
		City	State	Zip	Telephone no.
		Street address			
		City	State	Zip	Telephone no.
		Street address			
		City	State	Zip	Telephone no.
	Guardian	Street address			
		City	State	Zip	Telephone no.

**Presumptive heirs includes minor children, if any.

***Notify the Attorney General by sending a copy of this form to: Attorney General, Public Administration, PO Box 30755, Lansing, MI 48909.

4. The reasons why the court should take action are _____

I REQUEST that the court:

5. Terminate the guardianship.

6. Accept the guardian's resignation.

7. Remove the guardian who has has not been suspended.

8. Appoint _____
Name (type or print) Address

City State Zip Telephone no.

as successor guardian.

9. Appoint _____
Name (type or print) Address

City State Zip Telephone no.

as a temporary guardian pending appointment of a successor.

10. Modify the powers of the guardian as follows: _____

I declare under the penalties of perjury that this petition has been examined by me and that its contents are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

Date

Petitioner signature

Date

Attorney signature

NOMINATION BY MINOR:

I am 14 years of age or older. I nominate _____ as my guardian, who lives

Name

at _____

Address

City

State

Zip

Date

Signature of minor

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF BERRIEN**

NOTICE OF HEARING

FILE NO.

In the matter of _____
First, middle, and last name

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on _____ at _____ ,
Date Time

at _____ before Judge _____
Location Bar no.

for the following purpose(s): (state the nature of the hearing)

If you require special accommodations to use the court because of a disability, or if you require a foreign language interpreter to help you fully participate in court proceedings, please contact the court immediately to make arrangements.

Date

Attorney name Bar no.

Petitioner name

Address

Address

City, state, zip Telephone no.

City, state, zip Telephone no.

USE NOTE TO COURT: If this hearing is for a guardianship matter involving an Indian child as defined in MCR 3.002(12), you must comply with MCR 5.109(2).

USE NOTE: If this form is being filed in the circuit court family division, please enter the court name and county in the upper left-hand corner of the form.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF BERRIEN	PROOF OF SERVICE	FILE NO.
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In the matter of _____

1. Titles of the papers served or mailed: _____

2. According to court rule, I served by first-class mail registered mail (copy of return receipt attached)
 certified mail (copy of return receipt attached) the papers described above on:

Name	Complete address of service	Date

3. According to court rule, I served by **personal service** the papers described above on:

Name	Complete address of service	Date and Time

4. After diligent search and inquiry, I have been unable to find and serve the following interested persons. I have served these persons by publication. Attached are copies of form PC 617.

I declare under the penalties of perjury that this proof of service has been examined by me and that its contents are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

Service fee	Miles traveled	Fee	
\$		\$	
Incorrect address fee	Miles traveled	Fee	TOTAL FEE
\$		\$	\$

Date

Signature

Name (type or print)

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BERRIEN COUNTY PROBATE COURT/FAMILY COURT

File Name: _____

File Number: _____

MINOR GUARDIAN/CONSERVATOR
RECORDS CHECK RELEASE

Please be informed that the Berrien County Probate Court routinely completes guardian/conservator investigations as required by law. Pursuant to this requirement, it is the policy of this Court to complete a Children's Protective Services Central Registry check and a /criminal/driving history/prior bankruptcy check through LEIN or other services. Please provide the following information regarding the proposed guardian(s)/conservator(s). **PRINT CLEARLY. Attach photo identification** (e.g. a copy of your driver's license).

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

RACE: _____ GENDER: _____

RACE: _____ GENDER: _____

MAIDEN NAME/NAME
PREVIOUSLY USED: _____

MAIDEN NAME/NAME
PREVIOUSLY USED: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY#: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY#: _____

DRIVERS LICENSE #: _____

DRIVERS LICENSE #: _____

COMPLETE NAMES OF _____
ALL OTHER CHILDREN _____
AND ADULTS LIVING IN _____
THE HOUSE _____

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ALL OTHER CHILDREN _____
AND ADULTS LIVING IN _____
THE HOUSE _____

I authorize the Berrien County Probate Court to request information about me/us from the Michigan Family Independence Agency or other human services agencies (e.g., Michigan Department of Human Services) as may be appropriate and I also authorize a criminal/driving history/prior bankruptcy check through LEIN or other services.

DUE DATE: _____

Date

Signature of proposed guardian(s)/conservator(s)

Street Address

City, State, Zip

COMMENTS

CENTRAL REGISTRY CLEARANCE REQUEST

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

Copy Photo ID Here

or

Attach a Separate Page

SECTION 1 INFORMATION ON PERSON BEING CLEARED

Name, (First, Middle, Last)	Signature Required for Individual Being Cleared		Date
Also Known as Name (AKA)	Social Security Number		Date of Birth
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Phone Number	Email		
<input type="checkbox"/> I am completing this for myself. <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to pick up my results in		County (For Michigan Residents Only).	

SECTION 2 REQUESTER INFORMATION

Check Appropriate Box <input type="checkbox"/> Employer <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption/Foster Care Home Screening <input type="checkbox"/> Court/Law-Enforcement/Department of Corrections/Prosecuting Attorney <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
Name of Agency or Organization	Name of Requester		
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Email	Fax	Phone Number	

Employers/Volunteer Agencies will ONLY receive responses of NO central registry if the person being cleared has approved this request with their signature. Employers/volunteer agencies will NOT receive notification if the name submitted has any central registry hits per CPL 722.627. For questions about completing this form, please contact the local Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, see attached contact list.

This clearance does not identify individuals who may have child abuse/neglect history in other states, territories or tribal trust land.

The confidentiality of central registry information is protected by Sections 7 through 7j of the Michigan Child Protection Law (MCL 722.627-722.627j). Anyone who violates this protection is guilty of a misdemeanor and is civilly liable for damages.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) does not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, religion, age, national origin, color, height, weight, marital status, genetic information, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, political beliefs or disability.

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY PROBATE	ADDENDUM TO PROTECTED PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION	CASE NO. and JUDGE
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Court address _____ Court telephone no. _____

Plaintiff's/Petitioner's name	v	Defendant's/Respondent's name
In the matter of _____		

If this form is filed on or after April 1, 2022, it will be maintained as a nonpublic document because the form contains personal identifying information (PII) that will be protected when amendments to MCR 1.109 become effective on April 1, 2022. Use this form to provide PII only for a person who is a NOT a defendant, respondent, or decedent. If the person is a defendant, respondent, or decedent use form MC 97.

Instructions:

- Use this form when an SCAO-approved form instructs you to use it to provide PII.
- **Provide only** the PII required for your particular case. For example, if you are filing a document that requires you to provide a date of birth to the court, complete only that field on this form.

Name of form/document that this MC 97a is being filed with: _____

Printed name of individual completing form and date

Ref. No.	Instructions: Provide the name of the person that the PII applies to, followed by the specific PII that is required. For Other, specify the type of PII in addition to the PII itself - for example, Social Security No. XXXX. Use the below reference number (Ref. No.) in the document being filed in place of the PII. For example, insert "Ref. No. XX" in place of the DOB in the document.		
10	Name	DOB	Other
11	Name	DOB	Other
12	Name	DOB	Other
13	Name	DOB	Other
14	Name	DOB	Other
15	Name	DOB	Other
16	Name	DOB	Other
17	Name	DOB	Other
18	Name	DOB	Other

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT BERRIEN COUNTY	ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT	CASE NO. and JUDGE
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In the matter of _____
First, middle, and last name

1. I have been appointed _____ of the person/estate.
Type of fiduciary

2. I accept the appointment, submit to personal jurisdiction of the court, and agree to file reports and to perform all required duties.

3. For a period of _____ days from the date of my appointment, I exclude from the scope of my responsibility
not to exceed 91 days

the following real estate or ownership interest in a business entity: _____
Describe real property or business interest

because I reasonably believe the real estate or other property owned by the business entity is or may be contaminated by a hazardous substance, or is or has been used in an activity directly or indirectly involving a hazardous substance that could result in liability to the estate or otherwise impair the value of property held by the estate.

 Date

 Signature

 Attorney name (type or print) Bar no.

 Name (type or print)

 Attorney Address

 Address

 City, state, zip Telephone no.

 City, state, zip Telephone no.

 Put DOB in row 10 on MC 97a.
 Date of birth

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF BERRIEN	ORDER REGARDING TERMINATION/MODIFICATION OF <input type="checkbox"/> GUARDIAN FOR MINOR <input type="checkbox"/> GUARDIAN FOR LII <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATOR	FILE NO.
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In the matter of _____
First, middle, and last name

1. Date of hearing: _____ Judge _____ Bar no. _____

THE COURT FINDS:

- 2. Notice of hearing was given to or waived by all interested persons.
- 3. a. A petition to terminate modify a guardianship conservatorship was filed with this court and should be granted. denied. dismissed.
- b. On the court's own motion, the guardianship conservatorship should be terminated. modified.
- 4. The fiduciary should be removed and a successor appointed.
 should be permitted to resign and a successor appointed.
 has died or become disabled and a successor must be appointed.
 is not effectively performing the duties of a guardian and the welfare of the incapacitated individual requires immediate action and the appointment of a temporary guardian.
- 5. The individual continues to be an incapacitated individual and in need of a guardian as a means of providing continuing care and supervision of the person.
 continues to be a person in need of a conservator.
 is a minor who continues to need a guardian.
 is no longer in need of a guardian. conservator.
- 6. There is no qualified, suitable individual willing to act as conservator/guardian and the appointment of a professional guardian/conservator as fiduciary is in the best interest of the individual. A bond must be filed.
- 7. A coguardian is necessary.

IT IS ORDERED:

- 8. The petition is granted. denied on the merits. dismissed/withdrawn.
- 9. The appointment of a special conservator is necessary to preserve the estate or secure its proper administration.
- 10. _____ is removed permitted to resign as _____ .
Name of fiduciary Type of fiduciary
- S/he shall file with this court and serve on the interested persons a final account no later than _____ .
Date

(SEE SECOND PAGE)

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11. _____
 Name Address
 _____ is appointed
 City State Zip Telephone no.

 Name Address
 _____ is appointed
 City State Zip Telephone no.

a. successor **guardian of the incapacitated individual** and qualifies by filing an acceptance of appointment. The guardian shall have the following powers:

full guardian with all authority and responsibilities granted and imposed by law.

except as follows: _____

limited guardian with only the following powers: _____

temporary guardian and shall serve until _____ with the following powers: _____
 Date

In addition, guardian has the authority to execute a written consent for formal voluntary mental health treatment, unless objected to by the incapacitated individual.

Bond of \$ _____ must be filed.

The guardian is not permitted to act until letters of guardianship are issued. After qualification, the guardian shall comply with all relevant requirements under the law.

b. successor full limited temporary **guardian of the minor child** and qualifies by filing an acceptance of appointment. Bond of \$ _____ must be filed.

The guardian is not permitted to act until letters of guardianship are issued. After qualification, the guardian shall comply with all relevant requirements under the law.

The temporary guardian shall serve until _____ with the following powers: _____
 Date

Child support shall be paid: as stated in the placement plan.

c. successor special **conservator** and shall have the following powers: _____

An acceptance of appointment is to be filed. Bond of \$ _____ must be filed.

The conservator is not permitted to act until letters of conservatorship are issued. After qualification, the conservator shall comply with all relevant requirements under the law.

12. The guardianship conservatorship is terminated modified as follows: _____

13. The attorney guardian ad litem for the individual is discharged.

14. Other:

The Guardian cannot consent to the marriage or adoption of the minor, cannot consent to a power of attorney over the minor and cannot remove the minor from the State of Michigan without the prior approval of this Court. Further, the guardian shall not allow the minor to reside in any other residence including the home of the child's parent without the prior approval of this Court. Both the guardian and the parent may be found in contempt of Court and jailed for disobeying this order. The Friend of the Court shall redirect current support due on behalf of the child(ren) to the person with whom the child(ren) is/are placed so long as that person is not receiving foster care maintenance payments.

15. The matter is closed. not closed.

Date

Judge

Attorney name (type or print) Bar no.

Address City State Zip Telephone no.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF BERRIEN

LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP

FILE NO.

In the matter of _____

TO:

1. You have been appointed by will or other witnessed writing by the court as _____
guardian of the individual named above. Type of guardian (full, limited, temporary, etc.)

2. Having filed an acceptance of appointment, you have the care, custody, and control of that individual:

a. together with all authority and responsibilities granted and imposed by law.

b. except as follows: The guardian cannot consent to the marriage or adoption of the minor, cannot consent to a power of attorney over the minor and cannot remove the minor from the State of Michigan without the prior approval of this Court. Further, the guardian shall not allow the minor to reside in any other residence including the home of the child's parent without the prior approval of this Court. Both the guardian and the parent may be found in contempt of Court and jailed for disobeying this order.

c. as to the following powers and responsibilities only:

3. These letters of guardianship expire on _____
Date

Date

Judge Bar no.

Attorney name (type or print) Bar no.

Address

City, state, zip Telephone no.

SEE NOTICE OF DUTIES ON SECOND PAGE

I certify that I have compared this copy with the original on file and that it is a correct copy of the whole of such original, and on this date, these letters are in full force and effect.

Date

Deputy probate register/clerk

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NOTICE OF DUTY TO VISIT

You are required by law to visit the individual for whom you are guardian at least once every three months.

NOTICE OF REPORTING DUTIES

You are required by law to file with this court a written report on the indicated form(s) and at the indicated times. Forms are available at the court.

CHANGE IN PLACE OF RESIDENCE: You are required to promptly inform the court of any change in the ward's residence within 14 days of the change. You are also required to keep the court and interested persons informed in writing within 7 days of any change in your address.

ANNUAL REPORT:

Your annual report on condition of ward is due on _____ of each year. (Use form PC 634 or PC 654.)
Date

In addition, you must serve the report on the ward and interested persons as specified in the Michigan Court Rules and file proof of service with the court.

ACCOUNTS: You must file with this court once a year, either on the anniversary date of your letters of authority or on another date you choose (you must notify the court of this date) or more often if the court directs, a complete itemized accounting of your administration of the estate. On termination of the individual's disability, you shall account to the court or to the individual or that individual's successors. **The accounts must be served on the required persons at the same time they are filed with the court, along with proof of service.** (Use form PC 583 or PC 584: "Account.")

ONGOING DUTY TO REPORT: Pursuant to MCL 700.5319(2), if a conservator has not been appointed for the ward's estate and you determine that there is more cash or property that is readily convertible into cash in the ward's estate than was estimated by the guardian ad litem and reported to the court, you must report the amount of the additional cash or property to the court.

DEATH OF WARD: If the ward dies during the guardianship, you must give written notification to the court within 14 days of the individual's date of death. If accounts are required to be filed with the court, a final account must be filed within 56 days of the date of death.

DELEGATION OF DUTIES: You are required by law to notify the court when you delegate duties under a durable power of attorney.

ATTENTION: The above provisions are reporting duties only and are not the only duties required of you. These mandatory provisions are specified in court rules adopted by the Michigan Supreme Court. Your failure to comply may require the court to appoint a special fiduciary in your place and to suspend your powers. This may result in your removal as fiduciary. The court is prohibited by statute from giving you legal advice.

KEEP THIS NOTICE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE