

## **FILING A PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP / CONSERVATORSHIP OF AN ADULT**

The following information is required when you file a Petition for Guardianship and/or Conservatorship of an adult:

- A current/recent letter from the adult's doctor describing the person's medical condition;
- The names and addresses of all of the interested parties;
- A filing fee of \$162.00. This fee includes the cost of one \$12.00 Letter of Guardianship or Conservatorship;
- Additionally, once you have opened a file you must then serve copies of the Petition and Notice of Hearing on all of the interested parties, including the ward, fourteen (14) days before the date of hearing. Service on the ward must be in person, NOT by mail.

You must then file a Proof of Service confirming you have completed service.

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### **GAL/REVIEW FEES**

Michigan has enacted certain legislation which will affect Guardianships and Conservatorships of Adults.

A Guardian ad Litem must be appointed by the Court when a Petition for a Guardian and/or Conservator of an adult is filed. The Guardian ad Litem must personally visit the ward and will contact the petitioner or petitioner's attorney within a few days to arrange a visit. The fee for this service will usually fall in the range of \$150 - \$650, payable by the ward's estate (NOTE: For Estates having liquid assets equal to or greater than \$300,000 the fee will be either \$650 or actual reasonable time and charges of the guardian ad litem payable by the estate. If actual time and charges are submitted, the fees shall be in line with the 2014 Michigan State Bar Survey of the Economics Practice of Law and are subject to review/approval by the court.). PLEASE discuss the fees with the Guardian ad litem at the time of initial phone contact.

In addition, each existing adult Guardianship must be reviewed within one (1) year and every three (3) years thereafter. The person appointed to conduct the review will contact the Guardian to arrange a personal visit with the ward. Again, the fee for this service will be paid by the ward's estate.