# PETITION FOR VISITATION / CONTACT

# **GA-10**

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#### USE THIS PETITION PACKET ONLY IF <u>ALL</u> OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET:

- $\hfill\square$  There is a guardianship case over an adult in the Second Judicial District Court.
- You have been denied visitation and/or contact with the protected person by the guardian(s).

#### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORMS**

# CAREFULLY READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE STARTING TO FILL OUT ANY OF THE FORMS.

Use black or blue ink only. Neatly print the information requested.

Do not use correction fluid/tape on the forms.

This packet contains the following forms:

- 1. eFlex User Agreement (Standard)
- 2. Petition for Visitation / Contact
- 3. Notice of Hearing
- 4. Declaration of Personal Service
- 5. Certificate of Mailing

The penalty for willfully making a false statement under penalty of perjury is a minimum of 1 year, and a maximum of 4 years in prison, in addition to a fine of not more than \$5,000.00. N.R.S. §199.145.

#### **INSTRUCTION: STEP 1**

#### **EFlex Account and EFile User Agreement:**

To file your documents, you will need to sign up for an eFlex account and have a valid email address. There is no fee to sign up for a standard eFlex account. If you already have an eFlex account for a different case, you do not need to create another account and can skip this step.

To sign up:

1) Carefully read and complete the eFile User Agreement (Standard) by filling in as much information as possible, signing, and dating page two;

2) Return the eFile User Agreement (Standard) to the Second Judicial District Court, or email it to <u>eflexsupport@washoecourts.us</u>; and

3) Request an account at https://wceflex.washoecourts.com/.



If you need further assistance signing up for an account, please call the Resource Center at 775-325-6731.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 2**

**Complete the Petition for Visitation / Contact as Shown:** 



### **INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 3**

### Complete the Index of Exhibits and the Exhibit Cover Page as Shown:

To attach documents in support of your Petition for Visitation / Contact, you will need an Exhibit Index and Exhibit Cover Page(s). If you do not have any exhibits skip this step and continue with INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 3. 1) For each exhibit you are attaching you must print: a) An exhibit number, starting with 1, b) The number of pages in the exhibit, and c) A description of the exhibit.	Exhibit Number       Number of Pages         Exhibit Description
2) For each exhibit, you must fill out an Exhibit Cover Page with the exhibit number listed on the Index of Exhibits.	
<ul> <li>3) The documents should be in the following order:</li> <li>the Petition for Visitation / Contact</li> <li>the Index of Exhibits</li> <li>the Exhibit Cover Page</li> <li>the exhibit</li> <li>the Exhibit Cover Page</li> <li>the exhibit, and so on.</li> </ul>	Exhibit Cover Page

#### **INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 4**

#### **Electronically Filing the Documents**

You will need to upload the original documents to eFlex. EFlex is available online at <u>https://wceflex.washoecourts.com/</u>, and in the Law Library and the Resource Center.

If you have not done so, you will need to sign up for an eFlex account and turn in the EFile User Agreement (*see INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 1*), to the Second Judicial District Court, or email to <u>eflexsupport@washoecourts.us</u>.

Sign into your eFlex account using the username and password you created and electronically file the:

- Petition for Visitation / Contact; and
- Any exhibits.

Make sure to keep the original documents you file for your personal records. File-stamped copies of your documents are available through your eFlex account.

Scanners are available in the Law Library and the Resource Center.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 5**

#### Complete the Notice of Hearing as Shown:

You must contact the Court to set your petition for hearing. You may do this by: 1) emailing the Notice to <u>AdultGuardianship@washoecourts.us</u>, or 2) calling the guardianship Court Clerk at 775-328-3135. If you have any questions about getting the Notice, call 775-328-3135.



#### **INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 6**

#### Serving the Documents

You must personally serve the Petition for Visitation / Contact and the Notice of Hearing on the protected person, the guardian(s), and/or the care facility denying your visitation and/or communication with the protected person at least 10 days before the date set for the hearing. **PERSONAL SERVICE CANNOT BE COMPLETED BY YOU.** 

Personal, service may be completed by:

- The Civil Division of the Sheriff's Office in the County in which the person you are serving resides or works; or
- A responsible adult over the age of 18 years that does not need to be served the documents themselves; or
- A private process service.

Service on the individuals listed below may be made by electronic service (if they have signed up for eFlex), regular mail, certified mail, with a return receipt requested, or registered mail at least 20 days before the hearing, or by personal service at least 10 days before the date set for the hearing. **PERSONAL SERVICE CANNOT BE COMPLETED BY YOU.** 

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Spouse

Siblings (over the age of 14)

Grandchildren (over the age of 14)

You must serve the following member of the protected person's family:

- Mother
- Father
- Children (over the age of 14)
- Grandparents

You will also need to serve:

- The Protected Person's attorney.
- The Director of the Department of Health and Human Service if the Protected Person has received or is receiving benefits from Medicaid.
- The Department of Veteran Affairs if the Protected Person is receiving benefits from the VA.
- Anyone else who is listed under NRS 159.034.

The Declaration of Service must be completed by the person who served the documents (*see INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 7*).

If you serve by certified mail, keep the white slips and green cards to attach to your Certificate of Service (*see INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 8*).

#### **INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 7**

Complete the Declaration of Service for those Personally Served as Shown:

This form will be filled out by the person who completes service. One document will need to be filled out for each individual served. It is your responsibility to file a copy of the Declaration of Service once service is completed.

<ol> <li>Print the name of the person petitioning for visitation / contact (your name), address, telephone number, and email address.</li> <li>Print the heading, Case No., and Dept. No. just as they appear on all other documents in this case.</li> </ol>	COURT CODE: 1520 Your Name:
3) Complete pages 1-2 following the instructions on each page.	CASE NO: Derson and Estate of: (name of person who needs a guardian) A Protected Person
4. What Documents You Served. I served a copy of the ( check all that apply)         Petition for Visitation / Contact         Notice of Hearing         Other:         5. Where You Served. I personally delivered and left the documents with ( check one)         The Person Directly. I served the documents directly to the person at the location below. (complete the details below)         Name of Person Served         Address Where Served         Gity, State, Zip Code         Someone Who Lives with the Person. This is a person of suitable age and discretion who lives with the Person. This is a person of suitable age and discretion who lives with the person receded to serve. (complete the details below)         Name of Person Served         Address Where Served         Address Where Served         Address Where Served         City, State, Zip Code         City, State, Zip Code	DECLARATION OF SERVICE         A copy of the filed documents can be personally servet on anyone who is required to receive service.         A neutral person, not involved in this case or related to the parties, can personally serve the documents on someone of suitable age and discretion who lives with the person. The proposed guardians or relatives cannot do this. The person who serves the documents must complete this form.         (name of person who served the documents)
6. When Yau Served. I personally served the documents on (date you served the documents (nonth)(day), 20 at the hour of (inhc) ann. □ p.m.      1 declare undex penalty of perjury under the law of the State of Nevada that the foregoing is true and correct.      This document does not contain the personal information of any person as defined by NRS 603A 040 DATED (month)(day), 20      Server's Signature: >     Residential / Business Address:     City, State, Zip:     Server's Phone Number:      Server's Phone Number:      Page 2 of 2 – Declaration of Service (Generic)	4) The person who served the documents will need to date, sign, print their name, address, and phone number. PERSONAL SERVICE CANNOT BE COMPLETED BY YOU.

### **INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 8**

### Complete the Certificate of Service for all Persons Served by Mail as Shown:

1) Print your name, address, telephone number, and email address.	
2) Print the heading, Case No., and Dept. No. just as they appear on all your other documents in this case.	COURT CODE: 1360 Your Name:
3) Complete pages 1-2 following the instructions on each page.	IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE In the Matter of the Guardianship of the:  Person Estate DEPT
4) List the names and addresses of the parties served by mail, if any, in these spaces. If more room is needed, attach additional sheets.	Person and Estate of: (name of person who has a guardian) A Protected Person.  CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
	I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am over the age of 18 and I served the (⊠ check all that apply) Petition for Visitation / Contact Notice of Hearing Othel;
Name: Name: Address: Address:	in the following manner.
Name:         Name:           Address:         Address:	BY MAIL I certify that I deposited copies the foregoing documents in the U.S. mail in ( <i>city</i> ) Nevada, addressed to the persons listed below on ( <i>date</i> )
Name: Name: Address: Address:	by (⊠ <i>check one</i> ) □ Regular, □ Certified or □ Registered, return receipt requested:          Name:
ELECTRONIC I served the following persons pursuant to the court's electronic service rules on ( <i>date</i> ) : Normal	© 2018 Nevada Supreme Court
Name: NA	Page 1 of 2 – Certificate of Service (Generic Guardianship)
Email Address: Email Address: Name: Name: Email Address: Email Address:	
Name: Name: Email Address: Email Address:	
I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of the State of Nevada that the foregoing is true and correct	
This document does not contain the personal information of any person as defined by NRS 603A.040.	
DATED (month)(day), 20	
(Your Signature) (Printed Name)	5) Date, Sign, and print your name.
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#### **INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 9**

#### **Electronically Filing the Documents**

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Sign into your eFlex account using the username and password you created and electronically file the:

- Declaration of Service (for each person served by personal service);
- Certificate of Mailing; and
- Notice of Hearing (if court staff did not file it when giving you a hearing date).

Make sure to keep the original copy of any documents you file for your personal records. Filestamped copies of your documents are available through your eFlex account.

Scanners are available in the Law Library and the Resource Center.

Once the Declarations of Service and the Certificate of Mailing have been filed, you will need to mail a file-stamped copy to all of the parties that are not signed up for electronic filing.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 10**

#### The Hearing

The hearing will be virtual. The Court will send you log in instructions prior to the hearing. Log in approximately 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time for the hearing.

The Judge will have questions for you. If visitation is granted, the Judge will issue an order.

### Legal Assistance Information

The information in this packet is provided as a courtesy only. This packet is not a substitute for the advice of an attorney. Counsel is always recommended for legal matters.

If you do not have an attorney, you are encouraged to seek the advice of a licensed attorney or contact the Resource Center or the Law Library. **The Resource Center and the Law Library staff cannot give legal advice** but can give information regarding court procedures.

You may wish to speak with a lawyer at no cost through the Law Library's Lawyer in the Library program. The Lawyer in the Library program is held via Zoom; you must register ahead of time to participate. No walk-ins accepted as space is limited.

### LAWYER IN THE LIBRARY

Sign up on our website: <u>https://www.washoecourts.com/LawLibrary/LawyerInLibrary</u> For questions, contact the Law Library at 775-328-3250

To seek assistance from other free or reduced-cost legal resources in the area, please contact:

#### NEVADA LEGAL SERVICES

449 S. Virginia St. Reno, NV 89501 775-284-3491 – leave a message, if necessary https://nevadalegalservices.org

#### NORTHERN NEVADA LEGAL AID

1 S. Sierra St., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Reno, NV 89501 775-321-2062 – leave a message, if necessary <u>https://nnlegalaid.org</u>

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