# PETITION TO TERMINATE GUARDIANSHIP OF AN ADULT

## **GA-17**

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### PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF GUARDIANSHIP OF AN ADULT

### PACKET GA-17

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

There is an open guardianship case in Washoe County.
The protected person is no longer in need of a guardian.
You wish to terminate the guardianship.

#### **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. Petition for Termination of Guardianship (Adult)
- 2. Citation to Appear and Show Cause
- 3. Certificate of Mailing
- 4. Declaration of Service

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.

**INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 1** 

### Complete the Petition as Shown:

If you have documents that support your Petition to Terminate Guardianship, attach copies of the documents to your petition as exhibits (see INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 2). Explain in your Petition how the documents support your petition. If you are the guardian of the protected person's estate, you will need to file a final accounting. Final accountings are available online at <a href="https://www.washoecourts.com">www.washoecourts.com</a> or at the Second Judicial District Court. If you do not have any exhibits, please continue to INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 3.

1) Print your name, address, telephone number, and email.	COURT CODE: 3635 Your Name: Address: City, State, Zip: Telephone: Email Address: Self-Represented
2) Print the heading, Case No., and Dept. No. exactly as it appears on all other documents in this case.	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   Person and Estate of:    (name of person who has a guardian)   A Protected Person.    PETITION TO TERMINATE GUARDIANSHIP (ADULT)    Petitioner(s), (first Petitioner's name)   and
3) Complete pages 1 - 5, following the instructions on each page.	and  (second Petitioner's name or "nea" if only one Petitioner)  , respectfully represent the following to this Honorable Court:  1. This Court appointed (guardian's name) and

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

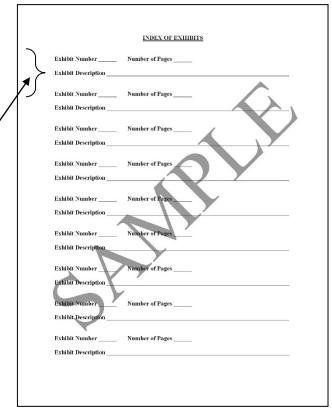
### Complete the Index of Exhibits and the Exhibit Cover Page as Shown:

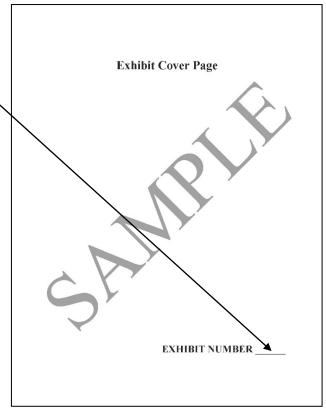
To attach documents in support of your Petition to Terminate Guardianship you will need an Exhibit Index and Exhibit Cover Page(s). If you do not have any exhibits skip this step and continue with INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 4.

- 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.

2) For each exhibit, you must fill out an Exhibit Cover Page with the exhibit number listed on the Index of Exhibits.

- 3) The documents should be in the following order:
  - The Petition to Terminate Guardianship
  - The Index of Exhibits
  - The Exhibit Cover Page
  - The exhibit
  - The Exhibit Cover Page
  - The exhibit, and so on.





**INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 3** 

### **Electronically Filing the Documents**

You will need to upload the original documents to eFlex. EFlex is available online at <a href="https://wceflex.washoecourts.com/">https://wceflex.washoecourts.com/</a>, and at the Second Judicial District Court.

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

- Petition for Termination of Guardianship;
- Any Exhibits.

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

Scanners are available at the Second Judicial District Court.

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

### Complete the Citation to Appear and Show Cause as Shown:

You must contact the Court to set your petition for hearing and have the Citation issued. You may do this by: 1) emailing the Citation to <u>adultguardianship@washoecourts.us</u>, 2) calling the guardianship court clerk at 775-328-3135, or 3) bringing the Citation to suite 214A on the second floor of 75 Court Street. Court Staff will assist you with issuing the Citation. If you have any questions about getting the Citation issued, call 775-328-3135. You must serve a copy of the file-stamped Petition and Citation to Appear and Show Cause to the following protected person's family members (if surviving):

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

You will also need to serve

- The Protected Person and their attorney.
- The Director of the Department of Health and Human Service if the Protected Person has received or is receiving benefits from Medicaid.

Siblings (over the age of 14)

Grandchildren (over the age of 14)

Spouse

- The Department of Veteran Affairs if the Protected Person is receiving benefits from the VA.
- Anyone else who is listed under NRS 159.034.

1) Print your name, address, telephone number, and email. COURT CODE: 1395 2) Print the heading, Case No., and Dept. No. exactly as IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEV it appears on all other IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOR documents in this case. In the Matter of the Guardianship of the CASE NO ☐ Estate
☐ Person and Estate DEPT CITATION TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE 3) Print the names of all the TO: (protected person's people you are required to (protected person's d serve. RELATIVES OF THE PROTECTED PERSON 4) Print the names of the Petitioners on the second page and mark the box for "Remove Guardian". Leave ANY PERSON HAVING THE CARE, CUSTODY, AND CONTROL OF THE the rest of the second page PROTECTED PERSON blank. A court employee will © 2018 Nevada Supreme Court fill this out.

**INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 5** 

### **Serving the Documents**

Everyone listed on the citation must be served by certified mail, with return receipt requested, 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.** 

If you serve by certified mail, keep the white slips and green cards to attach to your Certificate of Service (*see INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 6*).

If you serve by personal service, 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 (such as a friend or relative); or
- A private process service.

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

### **INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 6**

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

<ol> <li>Print your name, address, telephone number, and email address.</li> <li>Print the heading, Case No., and Dept. No. just as they appear on all your other documents in this case.</li> <li>Complete the information on pages 1-2, following the instructions on each page.</li> <li>List the names and addresses of the people served by mail, if any, in these spaces. If more</li> </ol>	COURT CODE: 1360 Your Name: Address: City, State, Zip: Telephone: Email Address: Self-Represented  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 Person and Estate of:  (name of person who has a guardian) A Protected Person.
room is needed, attach additional sheets.	
Name: Address: Address:  Name: Address:  ELECTRONIC  I served the following persons pursuant to the court's electronic service rules on (date)  : Name: Email Address: Email Address:	I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am over the age of 18 and I served the (⊠ check all that apply)    Petition for Termination of Guardianship   Citation to Appear and Show Cause   Other     BY MAIL   I certify that I deposited copies the foregoing documents in the U.S. mail in (city)   Nevada, addressed to the persons listed below on (date)     by (Si checkone)   Regular,   Certified or   Registered, return receipt requested:   Name:   Address:   Address:     Address:   Address:   Address:
Name: 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.

#### **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 your name (the person who served the documents), 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> <li>Complete the information on pages 1 – 2, following the instructions on each page.</li> </ol>	COURT CODE: 1520 Your Name: Address: City, State, Zip: Phone: Email: Self-Represented  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 Person Person and Estate of:  (name of person who has a guardian) A Protected Person.
4. What Documents You Served. I served a copy of the (  heek all that apply)    Petition for Termination of Guardianship   Citation to Appear and Show Cause / Notice of Hearing   Other:    Other:	A copy of the filed documents can be personally served on anyone who is required to receive service.  A neutral person, not involved in this case or plated to the parties, can personally serve the documents directly to the person. If that is not possible, the server can personally serve the documents on someone of suitable age and discretion who lives with the person. The person who serves the documents must complete this form.  I, (name of person who serves the documents must complete this form.  I, (name of person who served the documents)  declare (complete EFERY SECTION below):  1. 1 am not a party to or interested in this action and I am over 18 years of age.  2. I am not a ficensed process server, I am a natural person serving legal process without compensation, not more than three times per year, on behalf of a litigant who is a natural person, and therefore I am not required to be licensed pursuant to NRS 648.063(2) (2017 Nevada Laws Ch. 126 (A.B. 128)).  3. Who You Served. I served (name of person who is supposed to get the documents)  © 2018 Family Law Self-Help Center  Page 1 of 2 – Declaration of Service (Generic)
Name of Person Served  Address Where Served  City, State, Zip Code  6. When You Served. I personally served the documents on (date you served the documents) (pionth)	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** 

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**INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 9** 

#### The Hearing

Arrive approximately 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time for the hearing. Go to the location listed on the Citation to Appear and Show Cause.

Bring copies of your documents to the hearing.

When your case is called, enter the courtroom and follow the directions given by the bailiff on where to sit.

The Judge will have questions for you, the current guardian(s), and the protected person. If the permanent guardianship is terminated, the Judge will issue an Order Terminating the Guardianship.

#### **Legal Assistance**

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 visit the Family Division Self Help Center which is located at One South Sierra Street, Reno, NV. The Self Help Center cannot give legal advice but can give information regarding court procedures.

You may also wish to speak with a family law lawyer at no cost through the Law Library's "Lawyer in the Library" program, or to seek assistance from other free or reduced-cost legal resources in the area, to include:

#### LAWYER IN THE LIBRARY

First Floor (to the left of the filing office) of the courthouse located at: 75 Court Street, Reno, NV. (775) 328-3250

#### www.washoecourts.com/lawlib

Tuesday Evenings - Arrive by 4:25 p.m. \*Please Note\* The program is limited to 10 participants each evening.

#### **NEVADA LEGAL SERVICES**

### WASHOE LEGAL SERVICES

204 Marsh Avenue Reno, NV 89509 (775) 284-3491– leave message if necessary http://nlslaw.net 299 S. Arlington Avenue Reno, NV 89501 (775) 329-2727– leave message if necessary <a href="http://www.washoelegalservices.org">http://www.washoelegalservices.org</a>