

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

PROBATE DIVISION

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Gen No. _____

(Respondent)

**SUMMONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY
AND NOTICE OF RIGHTS OF RESPONDENT**

TO RESPONDENT: _____

You have been named as a Respondent in a guardianship petition asking that you be declared a person with a disability. If the court grants the petition, a guardian will be appointed for you. A copy of the guardianship petition is attached for your convenience.

- a) **The date and time of the hearing are** _____,20____, at _____.
- b) **The place where the hearing will occur** is Courtroom _____of the Main Courthouse, located at 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois 60085.
- c) **The Judge** assigned to your case is the Honorable _____, or any judge sitting in his/her stead, the **telephone number** for the Judge is 847/377-3260.

If a guardian is appointed for you, the guardian may be given the right to make all important personal decisions for you, such as where you may live, what medical treatment you may receive, what places you may visit, and who may visit you. A guardian may also be given the right to control and manage your money and other property, including your home, if you own one. You may lose the right to make these decisions for yourself.

YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING LEGAL RIGHTS:

- 1) You have the right to be present at the court hearing.
- 2) You have the right to be represented by a lawyer, either one that you retain, or one appointed by the Judge.
- 3) You have the right to ask for a jury of six persons to hear your case.
- 4) You have the right to present evidence to the court and to confront and cross-examine witnesses.
- 5) You have the right to ask the Judge to appoint an independent expert to examine you and give an opinion about your need for a guardian.
- 6) You have the right to ask that the court hearing be closed to the public.
- 7) You have the right to tell the court whom you prefer to have for your guardian.

You do not have to attend the court hearing if you do not want to be there. If you do not attend, the Judge may appoint a guardian if the Judge finds that a guardian would be of benefit to you. The hearing will not be postponed or canceled if you do not attend. If you are unable to attend the hearing in person or you will suffer harm if you attend, the Judge can decide to hold the hearing at a place that is convenient. The Judge can also follow the rule of the Supreme Court of this State, or its local equivalent, and decide if a video conference is appropriate.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU ATTEND THE HEARING IF YOU DO NOT WANT A GUARDIAN OR IF YOU WANT SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE PERSON NAMED IN THE GUARDIANSHIP PETITION TO BE YOUR GUARDIAN. IF YOU DO NOT WANT A GUARDIAN OR IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER PROBLEMS, YOU SHOULD CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR COME TO COURT AND TELL THE JUDGE.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>.

NOTICE REGARDING SERVICE:

Service of summons and the petition may be made by a private person 18 years of age or over who is not a party to the action.

This summons must be served on the Respondent by personal service not less than 14 days before the day for appearance. The summons must be returned by the officer, or other person to whom it was given for service, with endorsement of service and fees, if any, immediately after service and not less than three days before the day for appearance. If service cannot be made on Respondent by personal service this summons shall be returned so endorsed.

Witness _____, 20 _____

Clerk of Court

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Date of Service: _____, 20 _____
(To be inserted by officer on copy left with Respondent)

RETURN

I certify that on _____, 20 _____, I served this summons on the Respondent by leaving a copy with him/her personally and informing him/her of its contents.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Prepared by:

Name: _____ Pro Se

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Phone: _____ Zip Code: _____

ARDC #: _____

E-mail address: _____