

FAQ's

What is "legal advice" vs. "procedure"?

Legal advice is a recommendation as to what particular action an individual should take given a set of certain circumstances. Only lawyers may give legal advice.

Procedure is the step-by-step process an individual follows after it is determined which action is best for the particular circumstances.

What does filing cost?

In general, starting an Estate, Conservatorship, Guardianship, or Name Change is \$175 plus an additional \$12.00 for one certified copy of the Letters. Accounts, motions, and petitions are \$20.

How can I get copies back from the court?

The Probate Court will return a file stamped copy to you if you provide a postage-paid return envelope and an extra copy of the document you would like returned.

What is a Power of Attorney?

A Power of Attorney is a written and notarized document giving an individual the legal power to act on behalf of another according to the terms of the document. There is no Court involvement.

If I have a Power of Attorney, do I need a guardianship or conservatorship?

It depends upon the authority granted by the Power of Attorney. A Power of Attorney may grant the fiduciary broad powers over the person and his/her estate, or limited powers to act only in certain circumstances. If the Power of Attorney grants only limited powers, a guardian or conservator may be necessary. It is best to consult an attorney on issues regarding powers of attorney.