#### FORMS FOR CONSERVATOR OF A MINOR

### COURT STAFF IS PROHIBITED BY LAW FROM GIVING LEGAL ADVICE, IF YOU HAVE ANY LEGAL QUESTIONS DURING THIS PROCESS PLEASE CONTACT AN ATTORNEY.

Forms must be filled out completely and uploaded to MiFILE (mifile.courts.michigan.gov/login). Keep copies for your own record.

**Step One: Initial Filing-**Payment of \$175.00 is due at the time of filing online

#### **Documents Included:**

- Petition for Appointment of Conservator, or Protective Order (PC 639) In order to begin the
  conservatorship process you will need to upload the completed petition on MiFILE along
  with your payment of \$175.00.
- Protected Personal Identifying Information (MC 97) Enter personal identifying information on this form.

**Step Two:** Once you have received confirmation from MiFILE that the Court has accepted your petition please complete the following forms.

#### **Documents Included:**

- Notice of Hearing (PC 562) please call the Court to schedule a hearing date and time.
- Proof of Service (PC 564) this form tells the Judge that you sent copies of the Petition to Appoint Conservator (and/or Protective Order) and Notice of Hearing to all interested parties. Please make all necessary copies of your petition and notice of hearing (including one for yourself and one for each interested party). Interested parties include but may not be limited to the following:
  - o The minor, if 14 years of age or older
  - If known by the petitioner or applicant, each person who had the principal care and custody of the minor during the 63 days preceding the filing of the petition or application
  - The parents of the minor or, if neither of them is living, any grandparents and the adult presumptive heirs of the minor
  - The current conservator, proposed and or nominated conservator
  - If known by the petitioner or applicant, a guardian or conservator appointed by a court in another state to make decisions regarding the person of a minor.

Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 AM-5:00 PM

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Complete the proof of service by filling in the names and last known addresses of each person served under the appropriate heading; by regular mail or electronic service through MiFILE and include the date the service was made. The Court requires that all interested persons be served the required documents no less than 14 days prior to the scheduled hearing if serving by regular mail and no less than 7 days before the scheduled hearing if serving by hand (in person). Do not forget to sign and date the bottom of the form.

### \*\*\*STOP AND PLEASE READ\*\*\*

OTTAWA COUNTY PROBATE COURT 12120 FILLMORE STREET WEST OLIVE, MI 49460 You must make every effort to obtain last known addresses for the people you are required to serve, if you do not know an address you must do the following:

- o Complete an internet search, if possible
- Send to last known address
- Contact any known family members of the person in order to obtain a last known address

Once you have completed these steps please fill in Number 4 on Proof of Service.

- Acceptance of Appointment (PC 571)-This is signed by the proposed conservator(s); this lets the Court know that the person accepts the conservatorship and its responsibilities.
- Addendum to Protected Personal Identifying Information (MC 97a) Enter personal identifying information on this form.

### Forms Needed for Future Filings:

Documents Included:

• Proof of Restricted Account and Annual Verification of Funds (PC 669) - this form is required to be filed with the Court within 28 days of being appointed Conservator. This form is completed by the Financial Institution that is holding the funds NOT by the conservator. A financial statement reflecting the amount specified to on the form must accompany the form and is required. This form will be due annually after that; the Court will notify you when it is due.

\*\*Typically in a minor conservatorship no withdrawals are allowed until the minor turns 18 or an order is issued by the Court authorizing a withdrawal. If an Annual Accounting is required in place of the proof of restricted account form please see the Probate Account Instructions\*\*

- Inventory (PC 674) This form is to be completed by the conservator, this is a list of any and all assets the minor has (subject to the conservatorship) on the date the conservator was appointed. This form is due to the Court no later than 56 days from the date the conservator was appointed.
- Proof of Service (PC 564) A copy of the inventory should be served on all interested parties
  as listed above. You will complete this proof of service and upload on MiFILE along with your
  Inventory.

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## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE FILING A PETITION TO APPOINT A CONSERVATOR

#### »» What is a conservator?

A conservator is a person appointed by a probate court and given power and responsibility for the estate (financial assets and property) of an adult (called a *protected individual*).

### »» What is a guardian?

A guardian is a person appointed by a probate court and given power and responsibility to make certain decisions about the care of another individual. These decisions might include treatment decisions or where the individual should live. If the individual has a reduced life expectancy due to advanced illness, the guardian may have the power to make an informed decision on behalf of the individual regarding receiving, continuing, discontinuing, or refusing medical treatment. A full guardian can make all decisions for the individual. A limited guardian can only make decisions for the individual that the court allows.

### »» When would a conservator be needed?

A conservator may be needed when the individual is unable to manage his or her property and financial affairs effectively because of certain reasons and:

- he or she has property that will be wasted or used up unless proper management is provided; or
- funds are needed for the support, care, and welfare of the adult and any of his or her dependents.

A mentally competent adult who, because of age or physical limitation, may voluntarily petition the

court himself or herself for the appointment of a conservator to assist in managing his/her estate.

Some of the reasons that might prevent the individual from being able to manage his or her property and financial affairs are:

- 1) mental illness or deficiency:
- 2) physical illness or disability;
- 3) chronic use of alcohol /other intoxicants;
- 4) confinement;
- 5) detention by a foreign power; or
- 6) disappearance.

### »» Is a conservator needed for an individual who cannot manage his or her property or financial affairs effectively?

A conservator might not be necessary if someone else already has legal authority (an individual with power of attorney, for example) to make decisions about the individual's estate and there are no problems with the decisions being made.

### »» How is a proceeding for a conservator started?

Any person who is interested in the individual's welfare may complete a Petition for Appointment of Conservator (form PC 639) and file it, along with the filing fee, with the probate court.

### »» Is a lawyer necessary?

No, but a lawyer can be helpful, especially if any interested person opposes the appointment of a conservator.

### »» Can mediation be used for disagreements about a conservator?

Certain disagreements about a request for a guardian may be mediated outside the court if all parties agree to attend mediation or if a judge order parties to attend mediation. The court clerk can tell you if

mediation services are available in your court.

### »» What happens when the court accepts the petition for filing?

After the petition is accepted for filing, the court will appoint a *guardian ad litem* to represent the individual in the court proceeding unless the individual has his or her own lawyer or unless a mentally competent adult voluntarily requests the appointment.

It is important for you to cooperate with the guardian ad litem. The guardian ad litem does not have the authority to make decisions for the individual. The individual may have to pay for the guardian ad litem.

If necessary, the court may also order the individual to be examined by a physician or a mental health professional. The court may also send someone (called a *visitor*) to interview the individual. The visitor may be the guardian ad litem or a court officer or court employee.

### »» Can the individual get a conservator immediately in an emergency?

If the court believes an individual's estate requires immediate protection before appointing a conservator, the court may issue a preliminary protective order. This order may involve the appointment of a special conservator. The order will authorize specific acts that provide for immediate protection of the individual's assets.

PC 667 (11/02)

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<sup>\*</sup>If person is a minor, provide the date of birth on form MC 97a and put the Ref. No. from that form in the box above with the age.

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### STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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**CASE NO. and JUDGE** 

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## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY

### NOTICE ON PETITION FOR CONSERVATOR OR PROTECTIVE ORDER

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**CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION** 

In the matter of	. 1	person to be	protected
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### NATURE, PURPOSE, AND LEGAL EFFECT OF APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR

A conservator is a person appointed by a court to help an individual manage his or her property and financial affairs when the individual is unable to manage such affairs. If a conservator is appointed for you, the conservator would make decisions for you that you now may make for yourself.

If appointed, the conservator will have all the powers over the estate and business affairs that the individual could exercise if present and not under disability, except the power to make a will.

A person has been appointed by the court to more fully explain these matters to you. That person is called a guardian ad litem. He or she will contact you to answer your questions and more fully discuss the meaning of a conservatorship.

### **RIGHTS**

- 1. You have the right to secure, at your own expense, an independent evaluation of your condition.
- 2. You have the right to be present in person at the hearing. If you wish to be present at the hearing, all practical steps will be taken to ensure your presence, including, if necessary, moving the site of the hearing.
- 3. You are entitled to be represented by an attorney. The court may appoint an attorney to represent a minor, if necessary.
- 4. You have the right to present evidence at the hearing.
- 5. You have the right to cross-examine witnesses at the hearing, including a court appointed physician or mental health professional and the visitor if the court has appointed a visitor.
- 6. You have the right to a trial by jury.
- 7. You have the right to request that the hearing be closed to the public.
- 8. If the court determines that conservatorship is necessary, you have the right to nominate a person or corporation to be your conservator.

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Approved, SCAO JIS CODE: NOH STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO. PROBATE COURT NOTICE OF HEARING **COUNTY OF** In the matter of First, middle, and last name TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Time before Judge MARK A FEYEN P32369 Location Bar no. for the following purpose(s): (state the nature of the hearing) If you require special accommodations to use the court because of a disability, or if you require a foreign language interpreter to help you fully participate in court proceedings, please contact the court immediately to make arrangements. Date Attorney name Bar no. Petitioner name Address Address City, state, zip City, state, zip Telephone no. Telephone no.

**USE NOTE TO COURT:** If this hearing is for a guardianship matter involving an Indian child as defined in MCR 3.002(12), you must comply with MCR 5.109(2).

USE NOTE: If this form is being filed in the circuit court family division, please enter the court name and county in the upper left-hand corner of the form.

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Approved, SCAO JIS CODE: PSV FILE NO. **STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT** PROOF OF SERVICE **COUNTY OF** In the matter of Titles of the papers served or mailed: \_\_\_\_ ☐ 2. According to court rule, I served by first-class mail registered mail (copy of return receipt attached) certified mail (copy of return receipt attached) the papers described above on: Name Complete address of service Date 3. According to court rule, I served by **personal service** the papers described above on: Name Date and Time Complete address of service 4. After diligent search and inquiry, I have been unable to find and serve the following interested persons. I have served these persons by publication. Attached are copies of form PC 617. I declare under the penalties of perjury that this proof of service has been examined by me and that its contents are true to the best

of my information, knowledge, and belief.

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## STATE OF MICHIGAN

CASE NO. and JUDGE

PROBATE COURT COUNTY	ACCEPTANCE (	OF APPOINTMENT	
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2. I accept the appointment, submit to duties.		of the court, and agree to	file reports and to perform all required
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the following real estate or owner	ship interest in a bus	iness entity: Describe real	property or business interest
because I reasonably believe the	real estate or other p	roperty owned by the bus	siness entity is or may be contaminated
by a hazardous substance, or is on that could result in liability to the			rectly involving a hazardous substance
		Date	
		Signature	
Attorney name (type or print)	Bar no.	Name (type or print)	
Attorney Address		Address	
City, state, zip	Telephone no.	City, state, zip	Telephone no.
		Put DOB in row 10 on MC 97 Date of birth	r <u>a.                                    </u>

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	STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY	ADDENDUM TO PROTECTED PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION		PERSONAL	CASE NO. and JUDGE
Court	address				Court telephone no
1212	0 FILLMORE ST, WEST O	LIVE, MICHIGAN,	494	160	
Plaint	iff's/Petitioner's name		v	Defendant's/Responden	t's name
In th	ne matter of				
unde	form is nonpublic because it coner MCR 1.109(D)(9)(a). Use this fedent. If the person is a defendan	orm to provide PII or	ily fo	r a person who is a N	is protected from public inspection NOT a defendant, respondent, or
• \	document. Instead, you must pro	vide it on this form. quired for your partic	cular	case. For example, i	ent, DO NOT include it on that public f you are filing a public document that his form.
	ne of form/document that this MC		h:		
Ref.	<b>Instructions:</b> Provide the name of the post of PII in addition to the PII itself - for examplace of the protected PII. For example,	mple, Social Security No.	XXXX	. Use the below reference	hat is required. For Other, specify the type enumber (Ref. No.) in the public document in ument.
10	Name	DOB		Other	
11	Name	DOB		Other	
12	Name	DOB		Other	
13	Name	DOB		Other	
14	Name	DOB		Other	
15	Name	DOB		Other	
16	Name	DOB		Other	
17	Name	DOB		Other	
18	Name	DOB		Other	

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## **STATE OF MICHIGAN**

# PROOF OF RESTRICTED ACCOUNT AND

CASE	NO.	and	JUDGE	
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COUNTY	FUNDS ON DEPOSIT (CONSERVATORSHIP OF MINOR)	
Court address		Court telephone no.
		( 616) 786- 4110
In the matter of First, middle, and last name	of the minor	
<b>USE NOTE:</b> This form must be compotherwise ordered by the court, and a	leted and filed with the court within 28 days on nually thereafter.	of the conservator's qualification, or as
Name of financial institution/insurance company	//brokerage firm	
Address		Telephone no.
Name of authorized representative	Title	
I certify that the estate funds of the mi	nor are currently on deposit with us under a re	estricted account as follows:
Account caption (include name of conservator)	<u>'</u>	
A copy of the corresponding financial	institution's statement accompanies this proof	of restricted account.*
I further certify that		
1. The funds, including accruals, shal	not be released or withdrawn except by writte	en order of this court.
2. Records have been marked to prof	nibit withdrawal except by written order of this	court.
3. We are liable for funds released or	withdrawn without written order of this court.	
Date	Signature of authorized repre	esentative

\*For annual verification, the corresponding financial institution's statement must be dated within 30 days after the end of the annual accounting period.

Telephone no.

STATE OF MICHIGAN			CASE NO. and JUDGE	
PROBATE COURT COUNTY		NSERVATORSHIP) IENDED		
Court address				Court telephone no
<b>USE NOTE:</b> The conservator must ser Rules 5.105 and 5.125. Then the cons with the court.				
In the matter of ${\text{First, middle, and last name}}$				
I, Name (type or print)		, am the conservator a	and submit the fol	lowing as a complete
and accurate inventory of all the asse conservator. I have listed on this inve including the type of ownership.				
PERSONAL PROPERTY AND REAL PR both the protected individual and others, check the box in the column "Total Value a loan, show the nature and amount of the inventory are on the next page.	specify the type of owr of Property." If the prop	nership in the description a perty has been used to secu	und LIEN	TOTAL VALUE OF PROPERTY (without reduction for lien)
		٦	TOTAL ASSETS	
I declare under the penalties of perjui best of my information, knowledge, ar		nas been examined by m	e and that its co	ntents are true to the
		Date		
Attorney signature		Signature		
Attorney name (type or print)	Bar no.	Name (type or print)		
Address		Address		

City, state, zip

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### **DEFINITIONS:**

- Real property means land, including a building or house that is built on the land.
- **Personal property** means everything that a person owns except real property. Personal property includes bank accounts and checking accounts.

### **INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE THE INVENTORY:**

- 1. List all real and personal property in the column "Personal Property and Real Property Description."
- 2. When listing real property, provide the legal description of the property and the name of any other owner.
  - a. If real property has been used to secure a loan (including an equity line of credit), show the nature and amount of the lien.
  - b. If the value of real property is determined by an appraisal, include the appraiser's name and address and a description of the property appraised.
  - c. Property that the protected individual owns jointly or in common with others must be listed along with the type of ownership. The court may require additional information to support the value of property that is stated in the inventory.
- 3. When listing personal property, provide enough detail to adequately determine the value. Some items should be listed separately and some items should be combined under one category. Provide the name and address of each financial institution listed. The address of a financial institution shall be either that of the institution's main headquarters or the branch used most frequently by the conservator.

**Do not** provide financial account numbers on this form. If an account number is necessary to distinguish between accounts, put it on form MC 97.

- a. Examples of items that should be listed and valued separately are:
  - Automobiles
  - Jewelry
  - Bank accounts
  - Antiques
  - Furniture

- Prepaid burial contracts
- Life insurance (cash value)
- Annuities
- · Mutual funds
- Stocks and bonds
- · Any other individual item of high value (such as a fur coat)
- b. Examples of items that can be listed in categories are:
  - Household items such as dishes, flatware, curtains, linens, utensils, clothing, furnishings, etc. can be grouped into several categories or combined into one category.
  - Multiple copies or pieces of a specific item that have the same value such as stocks and bonds.
- c. If personal property has been used to secure a loan, show the nature and amount of the lien.
- d. If the value of personal property is determined by an appraisal, include the appraiser's name and address and a description of the property appraised.
- e. Property that the protected individual owns jointly or in common with others must be listed along with the type of ownership. The court may require additional information to support the value of property that is stated in the inventory.