

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

In the matter of the Guardianship of _____)
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)
A Person with a Disability, Respondent)
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Case No. _____

SUMMONS – APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN

To the above-named Respondent:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Petition of _____ filed in this cause, asking that you be adjudged a person with a disability and that _____ be appointed as Guardian of your Person and/or Estate.

You must file your Answer in this Court, at the, ROCK ISLAND COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER, 1317 3RD AVENUE, ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS, or appear before the Court at the place and on the date and time of the scheduled hearing. Your Notice of Rights containing the place, date and time of the hearing is part of this summons.

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/get_help.asp, or talk with your local circuit clerk’s office.

To the officer:

Service of Summons and Petition may be made by a private person 18 years or over who is not a party to the action. The Respondent must be personally served with a copy of the Petition and Summons not less than 14 days before the hearing. The Summons must be returned, in person or by mail, by the Officer or other person to whom it was given for service, with endorsement thereon and in no event later than the time and date of hearing.

WITNESS _____, 20____

(Seal of Court)

(Clerk of the Circuit Court)

(Deputy)

Attorney for Petitioner

Name _____

Attorney for _____

Address _____

City _____

Telephone _____

SHERIFF'S FEES

SERVICE AND/OR RETURN..... \$ _____

MILEAGE..... \$ _____

TOTAL..... \$ _____

**I CERTIFY THAT I SERVED THIS SUMMONS ON THE RESPONDENT AS FOLLOWS:
(CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX AND COMPLETE INFORMATION BELOW)**

(a) (Individual Respondents – Personal service is required):

By leaving a copy and a copy of the petition with the individual respondent personally, as follows:

Name of Respondent _____

Sex _____ Race _____ Approx. age _____

Place of service _____

Date of Service _____ Time _____

By _____, (Name of Private Person Serving Process)

(or)

By _____, Deputy Sheriff of _____ County.

(b) (Not Found):

The within named _____ not found in this County.

This _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Reason:

By _____, Deputy Sheriff of _____ County.

NOTICE OF RIGHTS OF 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.

The date and time of the hearing is: _____

The place where the hearing will occur is: _____

The Judge's Name and phone number is: _____

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.
- 8) You have the right to ask a Judge to find that although you lack some capacity to make your own decisions, you can make other decisions and therefore, it is best for the Court to appoint only a Limited Guardian for you.

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.