

# **A Petition Has Been Filed To Appoint A Guardian, Conservator, Or Both For You. You Have Certain Rights.**

## **You have the right to object to:**

- ◆ Appointment of any Guardian or Conservator or to the specific proposed Guardian or Conservator.
- ◆ The proposed powers of a Guardian or Conservator and to the scope and duration of the Guardianship or Conservatorship.

## **You have the right to counsel:**

- ◆ By hiring an attorney of your own choosing and at your own expense; or
- ◆ By requesting that the Court appoint an attorney to represent you and at the expense of the state if the Court finds that you are unable to pay.

The Court also will appoint an attorney for you if recommended by the Court Visitor or if the Court determines that you need representation.

## **You have the right to:**

- ◆ Receive a copy of the Petition and written notice of the hearing.
- ◆ Present evidence, examine witnesses (including the Court Visitor and any court-appointed physician, psychologist or other evaluator), and have the Court compel production of documents and witnesses.
- ◆ In a guardianship case and upon your demand before or at the hearing, be evaluated by a physician, psychologist, or other individual whom the court deems qualified to evaluate your alleged impairment. The examiner must file a written report with the Court.

In either a Guardianship or a Conservatorship case, the Court may appoint a physician, psychologist, or other individual whom the Court deems qualified to evaluate your alleged impairment to conduct an examination and the examiner must file a written report with the Court.

## **Other rights and obligations:**

- ◆ You and every proposed Guardian and Conservator must attend the hearing unless excused by the court for good cause.
- ◆ The hearing may be held in a manner that reasonably accommodates you.
- ◆ The hearing may be closed to the public upon your request or for good cause, but not if you object to it being closed.
- ◆ All costs and expenses of the proceeding, including your attorney fees, will be paid from your estate unless the Court directs otherwise.