***How do I get a conservator appointed for an adult?***

*See, generally, Colorado Revised Statutes, Sections 15-14-401 through 15-14-433*

*Protected Person=The person for whom a Guardianship or Conservatorship is sought*

**Is a Conservatorship right for you?** The Court may appoint a conservator for an adult if that adult is determined by the Court to be unable to manage his/her property due to some type of incapacity and the adult has assets that will be wasted without proper management. If you need a Court order to take care of other needs of the proposed protected person (e.g. medical, where he/she lives, etc.) you may want to consider a Guardianship.

**What kind of Conservatorship do you need?** A Conservatorship can be limited, if the protected person only requires assistance with some areas of his/her life, but not others. If you need a Conservator to be appointed for a single transaction or arrangement, you may want to ask the Court to appoint a Special Conservator. A Special Conservator may also be appointed to take care of the protected person’s property or assets while the petition for Conservator is pending. Special Conservatorships are limited in scope.

**Instructions** for appointment of a Conservator for an adult are available on the Court’s website at **JDF 875.**

**Before filing with the Court**, you will need a name-based criminal history check from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation and a current credit report for the proposed conservator. For more information on how to obtain the background check and credit report, see the Instructions at **JDF 875**.

File in the county where the Respondent (proposed protected person) resides or is present. **To begin your case**, complete and file the documents listed on the Checklist—Conservator for Adult.

**If you need help locating or completing any of the above forms, you can contact the 12th Judicial District Self-Help Coordinator, Lisa Mizell, by phone at (719) 589-7621, or by e-mail at** [**12SelfHelp@judicial.state.co.us**](mailto:12SelfHelp@judicial.state.co.us)

**If you need legal advice regarding any of the above, you should talk to an attorney.**