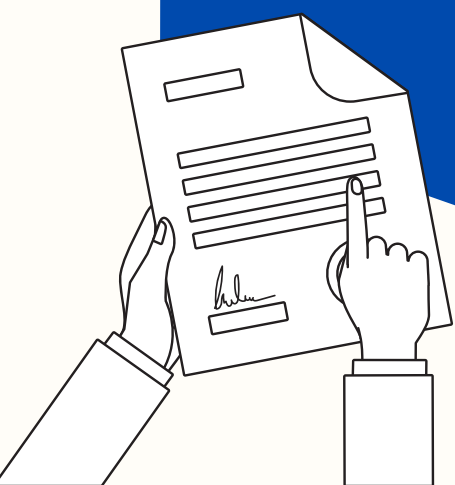


# QUICK GUIDE FOR NEW GUARDIANS AND CONSERVATORS

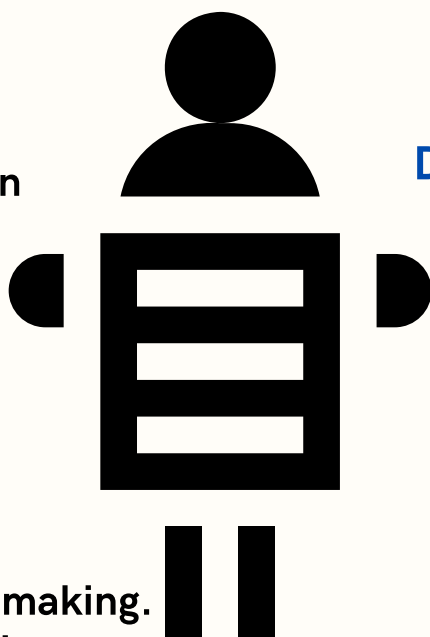
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## DECISIONS:

- Include Protected Person in decisions about their situation - as much as possible.
- Be creative, supportive and adaptive
- Learn about Supported Decisionmaking

[www.supporteddecisionmaking.org/content/resource-library](http://www.supporteddecisionmaking.org/content/resource-library)



## DUTIES:

- Make decisions for the protected person as allowed by the Court's Order of Appointment.
- Act in the best interests of the Protected Person, with undivided loyalty.
- Don't mix funds

## MANUALS:

- Visit Court website: <https://tinyurl.com/3ppn2ykk>
- Or point your phone's camera at this QR code:



## BANK ACCOUNTS:

Set up bank accounts "for the Benefit of .. the Protected Person" combined with your own name "acting as guardian or conservator".

**PROTECTED PERSON = the 'Ward' in a Guardianship, the 'Protected Person' in a Conservatorship**

## KEEP IN MIND THAT YOU NEED TO:



- File your annual report timely. Please mark your calendar!
- Keep track of income and expenses for the Protected Person. Manage their assets. File their taxes.
- Keep receipts, statements, documents organized.
- Use the latest version of form JDF 850 (Guardian's report) or JDF 885 (Conservator's report)
- Update the Court on address changes and other major changes in between annual reports.
- Ask the Court for prior approval to withdraw money from restricted accounts - if not included in the approved Financial Plan
- Ask the Court for prior approval before moving out-of-State.



## Need Legal Advice?

- visit: [www.cobar.org/Licensed-Lawyer](http://www.cobar.org/Licensed-Lawyer)
- or contact us for referral to legal clinics and other legal resources.



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