***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 have any questions about what forms are required or are not sure about the answers to any of the above, you can contact the 12th Judicial District Probate Registrar, Bandy Lucero, at (719) 657-3394.**

**If you need help locating or completing any of the above forms, you can contact the 12th Judicial District Self-Help Coordinator, Kim Cortez, by phone at (719) 589-7652, or by e-mail at** **12SelfHelp@judicial.state.co.us**

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