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# CLERK'S ALERT

## **King County Superior Court Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Other Protective Arrangements (RCW 11.130): Changes to Filing, Case Schedule and New Mandatory Forms**

Effective immediately King County Superior Court announces established procedures for processing of Guardianships of Adults, Conservatorships of Adults and Minors, and Other Protective Arrangements. A detailed summary of changes is available on the Ex Parte and Probate Department website.

### **Case Schedule**

At the time of filing, cases are given a case schedule with a date for the initial hearing set at 60 days from filing to be heard in the Ex Parte Department. Effective immediately, all 60-day hearings will take place on Mondays (Seattle) and Tuesdays (Kent) at 10:30 a.m. on a special calendar.

### **Appointment of Court Visitor and Attorney for Respondent**

Appointment of Court Visitor (previously Guardian ad Litem) will no longer be submitted Ex Parte via the Clerk. The Court will enter a Case Management Order addressing: consolidation of related cases, assignment of matter to designated Ex Parte Commissioner or Department, appointment of court visitor, appointment of attorney for respondent, setting filing deadlines and hearing, and any other matters necessary. The Case Management Order will also contain a helpful "What to Do Next" checklist.

### **New Mandatory Forms**

Parties must use the Washington State pattern forms.

State Pattern Forms are available on the Washington Court's website here: <https://www.courts.wa.gov/forms/?fa=forms.contribute&formID=139>

Detailed information is available on the King County Superior Court Ex Parte website here: <https://kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court/ex-parte-probate>



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