INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING AN APPICATION FOR CONSERVATORSHIP

These instructions are intended as a <u>guideline only</u> and should not be relied upon as a comprehensive list of duties in a conseratorship.

A person who is <u>mentally competent</u> but physically infirm can apply to have someone appointed the Conservator of his or her Person, Estate or Person & Estate. <u>The applicant and proposed conservator must appear in Court for the hearing.</u>

When a Conservator of the Estate or a Conservator of the Person & Estate is appointed there must be joint control of those monies between the conservator and an attorney. The Conservator must also post a bond to protect the monies of the estate.

A filing fee is required at the time of filing. Current Court Costs are posted at: <u>https://www.probatect.org/about/general-resources</u>.

Please confirm the amount with the Cashier since filing fees may have changed subsequent to the publication of this instruction sheet. This fee must be paid in cash, certified check, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express. No personal checks or money orders will be accepted.

The forms may be obtained from the Information Desk on the 9th floor of the Probate Court, 230 East 9th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio or by downloading the forms form the web site.

PROCEDURAL STEPS	WHEN TO FILE
STEP 1: COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORMS FOR THE	
INITIAL FILING	
Self-Representation Form (270.01)	
- Sign and Complete information if you <u>do not</u> have legal	
representation	
Application for Appointment of Conservator (20.0)	At the time of initial filing
- Complete information	
- Applicant is the person selecting the conservator	
Next of Kin of Proposed Conservatee (20.01)	At the time of initial filing
- List all <i>next of kin</i> (those people who are closest blood	
relatives) of the applicant.	
- Be sure to specify <i>complete</i> addresses of all those listed.	
Judgment Entry Setting Hearing on Application for Appointment	At the time of initial filing
(15.01)	
- Fill in the name of the applicant only, the magistrate will fill in	
hearing date & time and sign & date the form.	
Fiduciary's Acceptance (H.C. 20.4)	At the time of initial filing
- Complete name of applicant and have proposed conservator sign	
and date the form.	
Note: The Court will hold the conservator responsible for the duties	
described on this form.	
Authorization to Release Confidential Information (H.C. 15.11)	At the time of initial filing
- The proposed conservator shall sign in presence of a witness and	
have witness sign.	

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Once signed by the applicant, the
bond form needs to be left with
the court in order for the agent of
the surety company to execute the
bond in the presence of the clerk.
May be left with the court
anytime prior to the hearing.
Preferably at the time of initial
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Every year from date of
appointment.
At the time of filing the account
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obtained.	
- See Local Rule 64.1 (D).	
Waiver of Notice of Hearing on Account (H.C. 13.7)	Anytime prior to the date of the
	account hearing.
Entry Approving and Settling Account (H.C. 13.3)	
- Complete form.	
- Present to an account clerk for further processing.	
STEP 2: ASSIGNING OF MAGISTRATE, REVIEWING OF	
FORMS, AND SETTING HEARING DATE.	
When all forms have been completed, present them to the magistrate's	
assistant at the information desk on the 9 th Floor of Probate Court for a	
magistrate to be assigned. All forms are then taken to a magistrate for	
review and setting of hearing date.	
STEP 3: FILING OF FORMS WITH CASHIER	
All forms are taken to the cashier who will assign a case number.	
At this time, the cashier will require the payment of the filing fee.	
The cashier will stamp the case number on all the papers plus one set of	
copies, if provided, and clock in the original forms that can be docketed	
that day.	
After clocking in the forms, the cashier will place the forms in a file	
folder and give it to you to take to the Issue Desk.	
STEP 4: THE HEARING	
At the date and time of the hearing, you (the applicant), the proposed	
conservator (and your attorney, if attorney is obtained) should report to	
the 9 th Floor of the Probate Court to the assigned magistrate. (The	
magistrate will already have the file with the forms you initially filed.)	
The magistrate will conduct the hearing and if the magistrate finds a	
conservator should be appointed, a Decision of Magistrate and Entry	
Appointing Conservator will be completed.	
The magistrate will escort you to the Issue Desk and have the Letters of	
Conservatorship issued if:	
- Bond has been executed by surety if conservatorship includes	
estate.	
- The Statement of Joint Control and Entry Appointing Co-Signer	
is also filed if conservatorship includes estate.	



<u>A CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO COMMUNICATING WITH THE JUDGE</u> <u>AND MAGISTRATES</u>

Why can't I communicate directly with the judge or magistrate on my case?

If the matters are contested, judges and magistrates are not allowed to communicate with individual parties. This is what the law calls an *ex-parte* communication (this is when a judge or magistrate only communicates with an individual party, on their own, without the knowledge of all parties to a case). In order to keep the court process as fair, equal and as transparent as possible, *ex-parte* communication is strictly forbidden. It is unfair for the court to share information without all of the parties present.

You cannot email the judge or magistrate, as the email is considered an *ex-parte* communication. In addition, emails are not pleadings (motions.) You cannot write a personal letter to the judge or magistrate as this may be considered an *ex-parte* communication.

How can I speak to the judge or magistrate on my case?

Typically, to speak to the judge or magistrate on your case, you must file a written motion with the court explaining what you want the court to do and all motions become part of the public record. You also have to send a copy of whatever you file to the other parties, or their attorney if they are represented by an attorney (this is called "service"). A motion is not considered an *exparte* communication because all parties are officially notified. You may be required to pay a filing fee when you file your written motion. Please note, there is no fee if you wish to speak to the magistrate in an uncontested matter, on their assigned walk-in days.

I've heard there's always a magistrate on duty to hear arguments immediately – what does that mean?

There is a magistrate on duty every business day. The on-duty magistrate may answer generic procedural questions. The on-duty magistrate may also discuss matters in an uncontested case. For all other matters, the on-duty magistrate is prohibited from speaking with you. To address the court for these matters, you must file a written motion. The on-duty magistrate will set the matter for hearing before the magistrate assigned on your case or the judge.

What if I need to tell the judge or magistrate something I don't want the other party to know about?

Unfortunately, you cannot withhold information from another party to your case. In order to keep the case fair to everyone involved, as soon as you tell the judge or magistrate something, you must also tell the other parties. All sides must have an opportunity to respond to the information that you have shared with the court.

IN THE MATTER OF: _____

CASE NO. _____

SELF-REPRESENTATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree with all of the following statements:

- 1. The Court has recommended that I hire an attorney to represent me in this case. However, I have chosen to proceed with this case without the assistance of an attorney.
- 2. The Court and its Deputy Clerks are prohibited by law from providing legal advice. I will follow the instructions provided in the form packets and on the Court's website, www.probatect.org.
- 3. I am responsible for understanding and correctly applying any statutes, case law, rules, regulations, policies, and procedures that relate to this case, including, but not limited to, the Ohio Revised Code, Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio, Hamilton County Probate Court Local Rules of Practice, and the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 4. The same standards that apply to attorneys and persons represented by attorneys in similar probate hearings will apply to myself.
- 5. If I do not fulfill my responsibilities in this case as required by law, I may be subject to sanctions or penalties as provided by law, which may include removal as fiduciary or being required to be represented by an attorney.
- 6. I may be personally liable to any person or entity that suffers damages as a result of anything I do or fail to do in this case that does not comply with the legal requirements.

Fiduciary/Applicant/Guardian

Typed Printed Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Telephone Number (include area code)

Email

CONSERVATORSHIP OF

CASE NO.

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR (R. C. 2111.021)

I,			,	Petitioner, hereby	state that I am a compet	ent adult but am
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	b.	Court [] (1) [] (2)	Ohio.			the guardianship laws of
	C.	The follov [] (1) [] (2)	All property. (at	ttach des	pject to the foregoin cription of property as follows:	• •
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			eal Property			<u>\$</u>
			inual Rents			\$
		Ot	her Annual Incom	ne		\$
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	b.		h the amount of \$ 9.04(A)(I))(FORM			is attached.
6.	Serv	vice of notice	e of the conserva	torship is	s to be given to:	
	[] None [] Same as Guard	lianship [] As Listed on F	orm 15.0
for myself,	, and de	o so freely	and of my own	will. I ce	rtify that all infor	to appoint a Conservator mation and statements e best of my knowledge
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CONSERVATOSHIP OF _____

CASE NO. _____

NEXT OF KIN OF PROPOSED CONSERVATEE

(R.C. 2111.04)

(NOTE: Specify age and birthdate of each minor under 16 on the line containing the minor's name. List the name and address of the minor's parent, guardian or custodian on the name and address lines following the minor's address.)

Service Waived		Relationship	Birthdate Of Minor
1. 🗆 N	ame		
	Address		Zip
2. 🗆 N	Name		
A	Address		Zip
3. 🗆 N	Name		
Α	Address		Zip
4. 🗆 N	Name		
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Applicant

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CASE NO. _____

JUDGMENT ENTRY SETTING HEARING ON APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR

This day	appeared in open Court, and
filed an application for the appointment of (limi	ited) conservator of the (person and estate)
of	. It is ordered that the day of
, at o'clock _	M. in Room, be and is hereby

fixed as the time of hearing said application before this Court.

Date

CONSERVATORSHIP OF_____

CASE NO._____

FIDUCIARY'S ACCEPTANCE CONSERVATOR

(R.C. 2111.14)

I, the undersigned, hereby accept the duties which are required of me by law, and such additional duties as are ordered by the Court having jurisdiction.

AS CONSERVATOR, I WILL:

1. Make and file an inventory of the real and personal estate of the ward within 3 months after my appointment.

- 2. Deposit funds which come into my hands in a lawful depository located within this state.
- 3. Invest surplus funds in a lawful manner.
- 4. Make and file an account annually, or as directed by the Court.
- 5. File a final account within 30 days after the conservatorship is terminated.
- 6. Inventory any safe deposit box of the conservatee.
- 7. Preserve any and all wills of the conservatee as directed by the Court.
- 8. Expend funds only upon written approval of the Court.

If I change my address or the conservatee's address, I shall immediately notify the Probate Court in writing. I acknowledge that I am subject to removal as such fiduciary if I fail to perform such duties. I also acknowledge that I am subject to possible penalties for improper conversion of the property which I hold as such fiduciary.

Fiduciary

CONSERVATORSHIP OF

CASE NO._____

OATH OF CONSERVATOR

(R.C. 2111.02(C))

(To be taken on Appointment of Conservator)

I, _____ Conservator of ______, will faithfully and completely fulfill my duties as

Conservator, including the duty:

To file, and continue to make diligent efforts to file, a true inventory in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code, and report all assets belonging to the estate of my ward.

To file timely and accurate reports.

To file timely and accurate accounts.

To, at all times, protect my conservatee's interests and to make all decisions based on the best interest of my conservatee.

To apply to the Court for authority to expend funds prior to so doing.

To obey all orders and rules of this Court pertaining to conservatorships.

Conservator

The above oath was taken and signed in my presence on this _____

day of ______ , _____ .

CASE NO._____

AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Name			-
	Last	First	Middle
Date of Birth		_ Social Security Number	

I hereby authorize the release of all confidential records and information concerning me to any officer or agent of the Hamilton County Probate Court for the purpose of an investigation pertaining to a proposed Conservatorship.

Witness

Date

Proposed Conservator

CONSERVATORSHIP OF_____

CASE NO._____

CONSERVATOR'S BOND

(R.C. 2109.04(A)(1))

Amount of this bond \$ _____

The undersigned principal, and sureties if any, are obligated to the State of Ohio in the above amount, for payment of which we bind ourselves and our successors, heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly and severally.

The principal has accepted in writing the duties of fiduciary in conservatee's estate, including those imposed by law and such additional duties as may be required by the Court.

This obligation is void if the principal performs such duties as required.

This obligation remains in force if the principal fails to perform such duties, or performs them tardily, negligently, or improperly, or if the principal misuses or misappropriates estate assets or improperly converts them to his own use or the use of another.

Principal
Surety
by Attorney in Fact
Typed or Printed Name
Address
Not value of real estate owned in this county
Net value of real estate owned in this county

CONSERVATORSHIP OF

CASE NO._____

STATEMENT OF COUNSEL AND CONSERVATOR CUSTODY OF FUNDS

Undersigned counsel and conservator agree that the funds of the within conservatorship shall be maintained so that both signatures are required for their withdrawal and withdrawals will be made only in accordance with the order of this Court.

Attorney

Conservator

CONSERVATORSHIP OF

CASE NO._____

ENTRY APPOINTING CO-SIGNER FOR ESTATE FUNDS

The Court finds that is in the best interest of the ward and for safety and security reasons, that joint custody be established for the funds of the within estate.

Therefore the Court ORDERS that _____

be in joint control of all estate funds and authorizes him/her to sign all necessary instruments to execute this order.

Ralph Winkler, Probate Judge

Attorney

CONSERVATORSHIP OF_____

CASE NO._____

JUDGMENT ENTRY APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR (R.C. 2111.021)

Upon hearing the application for appointment of a Conservator herein, the Court finds that the petitioner is a resident of this County, or has legal settlement herein; that this Court has jurisdiction; and that _______ is a competent, but physically infirm adult, who has voluntarily petitioned for, and the Court does declare _______ as his/her Conservator, and grants to the Conservator powers fully described in the Letters of Conservatorship.

The Court further finds that powers of the Court shall be:

1. Full powers as proscribed in the Laws of Guardianship of the State of Ohio.

2. Limited to the following powers, but not limited to the power to set bond, and all powers in Section 2111.021 of the Ohio Revised Code

The Court approves the bond as filed.

The Court orders Letters of Conservatorship issue to ______as provided by law.

Date

CONSERVATORSHIP OF CASE NO. _____ LETTERS OF CONSERVATORSHIP _____ is appointed Conservator of As Conservator, his/her powers are: All powers conferred by the Guardianship laws of Ohio and the Rules of this Court over the conservatee's: 1. Those guardianship powers, until revoked, are for an: 2. □ Indefinite time period Definite time period to 3. The Conservator's powers are limited to: The following property of the conservatee is subject to the above power of the conservator: 4. □ Only the property listed as follows: The above-named Conservator has the power conferred by law to do and perform all the duties of Conservator as described.

Date

Ralph Winkler, Probate Judge

NOTE TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Funds being held in the name of the within-named Conservatee shall not be released to Conservator without a Court Order directing release of a specific fund and amounts thereof.

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT AND INCUMBENCY

This document is a true copy of the original kept by me as custodian of this Court. It constitutes the appointment and letters of authority of the named Conservator, who is qualified and acting in such capacity.

(SEAL)

Ralph Winkler, Probate Judge by Deputy Clerk

Date

CONSERVATORSHIP OF_____

CASE NO._____

CONSERVATOR'S INVENTORY

(R.C. 2111.14(A))

of the real and personal estate of the conservatee _____ with its value and the value of the yearly rent of the estate

List any safety deposit box and date and location of any will.

\$

RECAPITULATION

Total value of Personal Estate	\$
Total value of Real Estate	\$
Yearly rent of Real Estate	\$
Other annual income	\$
Total	\$

Conservator

CONSERVATORSHIP OF

CASE NO._____

APPLICATION TO RELEASE FUNDS TO CONSERVATOR

Now comes the conservator of the above-named conservatee and makes application for authority to secure the release of the following funds of the ward.

The applicant further states that it is for the best interest of the conservatee that this authority be granted.

Conservator

ORDER AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF FUNDS

This ______ day of ______, ____, this cause came on to be heard upon the application of the conservator of the above-named conservatee, and the evidence, and the Court being fully advised in the premises, hereby authorizes the release of the above funds to the conservator.

CONSERVATORSHIP OF_____

CASE NO._____

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO EXPEND FUNDS

Now comes the undersigned, conservator of the estate of the above-named conservatee and makes application for authority to expend funds for the best interest of the ward as follows:

[State amount requested, nature of expenditure, and the frequency and duration of authority requested. Attach additional explanation, documentation, or estimates as needed.]

Conservator

ORDER AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS

This _____ day of _____, ___, this cause came on to be heard upon the application of the conservator of the above named conservatee and the evidence, and the Court being fully advised in the premises, hereby authorizes the conservtor to expend funds as set forth in the Application.

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CASE NO. _____

RECAPITULATION

Total Receipts	\$
Total Disbursements	\$
Balance Remaining	\$

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF ALL FUNDS, ASSETS AND INVESTMENTS

ITEM

\$

Attorney
Attorney Registration No. _____

Conservator

Typed or Printed Name

Address of Conservator

City, State, Zip Code

Phone Number

TRUST OF	
GUARDIANSHIP OF	
ESTATE OF	

CASE NO._____

ENTRY SETTING HEARING ON ACCOUNT

The Court sets _______ at ______ o'clock _____ M. as the date and time for hearing on the current/final account in this matter. If notice is required, the Court orders that notice of the hearing on the account be given to all parties entitled to notice, who do not waive the same, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date and time set for hearing.

Date

Ralph Winkler, Probate Judge

Attorney

Attorney Registration No._____

CASE NO		
NOTICE OF HEARIN	NG ON ACCOUN	IT
То:		
	account cov	vering the period from
You are hereby notified that a		
You are hereby notified that atoto		has been filed, and

matters that may come before the Court at the hearing on the account. **There is no requirement to appear for this hearing if you have no exceptions to the account.** Any exceptions to the account shall be filed in writing not less than five days prior to the hearing. Absent the filing of written exceptions, the account may be approved without further notice.

Fiduciary/Attorney for Fiduciary

Attorney Registration No._____

TRUST OF GUARDIANSHIP OF ESTATE OF _____

CASE NO. _____

WAIVER OF NOTICE OF HEARING ON ACCOUNT

The undersigned, who are interested in the estate, waive notice of the hearing on the account.



IN RE: _____

CASE NO. _____

NOTICE OF RETRIEVING DOCUMENTATION FOR ACCOUNTS

Check the box indicating how the supporting documentation, copies and/or account forms

left with the accounting department should be handled after the account is reviewed.

Mail back documents in enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. If no envelope -

will be charged to mail back

Place documents in the Attorney Mailbox (will pick up within 30 days).

Mailbox No. _____

Destroy documents (shred).

THESE ARE THE MOST COMMON REASONS FOR REJECTIONS SO PLEASE MAKE SURE THESE REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED

(If pertains to the type of Account being filed)

- Starting balance matches Inventory/most recent Partial/Current Account
- Original Signature on Account
- Total Receipts and Distributions balance
- Newly Discovered Asset (Form 106.11)
- Attorney Fees (Consents Form 210.05 or Application and Entry with timesheets

for fees over \$2,000)

Paid funeral bill

Signature

Date

MATTER OF _____

CASE NO. _____

ENTRY APPROVING AND SETTLING ACCOUNT [R.C. 2109.32]

Upon hearing the account filed ______, the Court finds that:

[Check whichever of the following are applicable]

The _____ partial account has been lawfully administered;

The events have occurred after which the Court may approve and settle a final account.

The events have occurred after which the Court may approve and settle a supplemental final account.

The account is therefore approved and settled.

[Check whichever of the following are applicable]

The fiduciary shall be discharged without further order of the Court twelve months following the approval of the final and distributive account unless discharged by this entry.

- The fiduciary is discharged herewith.
- The surety bond is terminated herewith.
- This is a final account of a (deceased) (removed) (resigned) fiduciary. The estate shall remain open.
- This is a final account of the guardianship for the estate only. This matter shall continue as a person only guardianship.
- This is a final account of a beneficiary of a trust. The trust estate shall remain open for other beneficiaries of the trust.

Name of Fiduciary: _____