

Effective immediately, the procedures for filing guardianship applications are as follows:

A deposit of \$333.00 plus additional costs for waivers, service on next-of-kin and motions, as applicable, will be required on any Application for Appointment of Guardianship on a new case. Applicants should call the Court to check costs before filing.

Competing applications will each have their own case number. After an appointment is made, those cases in which the applicant(s) were not appointed will be closed.

Each applicant will be expected to provide their own Statement of Expert Evaluation unless they file a Motion for Waiver of Expert Evaluation (now on our website). In the motion, the applicant will explain why they cannot obtain an evaluation and will ask for permission to use an evaluation that has already been filed with the Court.

For appointments of successor guardians, the Court is now requiring an investigator to evaluate and serve notice of hearing on the ward. The cost for the investigation is either \$100.00 or \$125.00, depending on if there is an immediate appointment needed. The investigation may be waived by the magistrate assigned to the case if they deem it unnecessary. An Application to Waive Investigation form is now part of our guardianship packet and must be presented at the time of filing to be considered by the magistrate.

A deposit of \$130.00, \$230.00 or \$255.00 plus additional costs for waivers, service on next-of-kin, and motions, as applicable, will be required at the time of filing. Applicants should contact the Court before filing to check costs.

Applicants applying to be successor guardians will use the existing case number on all filings.