

Uniform Guardianship Act is Effective January 1, 2022: Are you Ready?

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DESCRIPTION:

Join us for this seminar where you will spend the entire day learning practical and useful skills to implement in your practice when the newly created Uniform Guardianship Act specific to adult guardianship provisions takes effect on January 1, 2022.

Come with an open mind on how to transform your guardianship practice to be compliant with the new statute.

CO-CHAIRS

Suzanne Thompson-Winger – CTW Law Firm, Sumner
Angela Macey-Cushman – Somers Tamblin Isenhour Bleck PLLC, Seattle

Schedule

8:00 a.m. Webinar Lobby Opens

8:25 a.m. Welcome and Introductions by Program Co-Chairs

Angela Macey-Cushman – Somers Tamblin Isenhour Bleck PLLC, Seattle

Suzanne Thompson-Winger – CTW Law Firm, Sumner

8:30 a.m. Bringing the UGA to Washington State and Why Guardianship Reform Was Necessary

Hear firsthand Senator Pedersen's passionate advocacy for Washington State residents subject to guardianship and why he led the reformation of our laws. His work as one of our state's commissioners on the National Uniform Law Commission (ULC) helped champion this cause.

Senator Jamie Pedersen – Washington State Senator, 43rd Legislative District, Seattle

9:00 a.m. Legal Representation of the Guardian and Conservator Under the UGA

Overview of the provisions under the UGA for petitioning for guardianship/conservatorship on behalf of a client and for representing the professional and lay guardian/conservator in routine reporting.

Mark C. Vohr – Ohana Fiduciary Corp. & Ohana Financial Services, Seattle

10:15 a.m. BREAK

10:30 a.m. Navigating Guardian Delegation of Authority and Limits on Recognizing Guardian Authority, and UGA Transition Support

Participants will discover best practices for delegation of powers to an agent under the UGA. Attendees will also learn about third party rights and responsibilities with respect to recognizing guardian and conservator authority, as authorized and limited under the UGA. Participants will also be briefed on administrative support for UGA changes, including CPG training certification during 2020-2021.

Kay King – Administrative Office of the Court, Olympia

11:30 a.m. A Look Into Protective Arrangements Under the UGA

This presentation will focus on the "Protective Arrangements" provisions of the UGA. It will include a review of the rules and a discussion of hypothetical situations that may be suitable for protective arrangements.

Sage M. Graves – Hickman Menashe, P.S.

12:30 p.m. Lunch Break

1:30 p.m. Supported Decision-Making: Preserving Rights and Respecting Choices

The 2020 Washington Legislature made changes in the recently passed Uniform Guardianship Act, including adoption of supported decision-making. A panel will describe this new option and what our new law says, illustrating with examples from other states and possible uses here.

David Lord – Disability Rights Washington, Seattle

Deborah Dorfman – Northwest Justice Project, Everett

Ivanova Smith – Advocate, Tacoma

2:45 p.m. BREAK

3:00 p.m. Emergency Guardians and Placement Under the Uniform Guardianship Act

The new Uniform Guardianship Act introduces two new concepts to guardianship practice: emergency guardians and a guardian with final residential placement authority. The presenters will discuss how guardianship practice will change in these areas and the scope of litigation that is certain to follow.

Richard Furman – Aiken, St. Louis & Siljeg, P.S., Seattle

Eric Brunstrom – Aiken, St. Louis & Siljeg, P.S., Seattle

4:00 p.m. Adjourn

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