

## **ESTATES AND GUARDIANSHIPS (ADULTS & MINORS)**

Estate and Guardianship proceedings are very popular in today's time. Some are more complex than others. Therefore, if you are in need of petitioning the Court for an estate or a guardianship matter, it is recommended that you seek the services of an attorney.

The Probate Court office can provide the petition to you but we cannot legally advise you on which petition to use. Further, please understand that we cannot give legal advice on ANY matter that you have pending. You **MUST** direct any and all questions regarding any estate or guardianship matter to an attorney.

If you are filing a petition regarding a deceased person, you **MUST** provide a certified copy of his or her death certificate to the Court. If there is a Will, you must provide the Original Will. If you are filing a petition regarding a guardianship of a minor child,

**FIRST:** you must consent in person for the Probate Court to run your background check  
(forms are available at our office only).

**SECOND:** you must provide a certified copy of his or her birth certificate along with your petition.

Some estate and guardianship matters may be petitioned for and completed without the services of an attorney. However, please note that if you do not understand the petition or the procedures in completing the estate or guardianship, an attorney must be contacted because the Court's advice cannot be given. Your petition will not be accepted incomplete or incorrect.

Please understand that filing fees are required to be **PAID IN FULL AT THE TIME OF FILING** the petition. If you file a **PETITION FOR TEMPORARY GUARDIANSHIP** or a **PETITION TO TERMINATE TEMPORARY GUARDIANSHIP**, fees cannot be paid with a check.

Please note: **An appointment is required to file your petition. To make an appointment, please call our office at (770) 267-1345.**

**If you would like to view the Georgia Probate standard estate and guardianship forms, please click on the link below.**

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