

**PROBATE COURT
OF
SHIAWASSEE COUNTY**

Jay M. Terbush, Jr.
Judge

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May 15, 1984

TO: ALL ATTORNEYS IN SHIAWASSEE COUNTY AND THEIR STAFF

FROM: SHIAWASSEE COUNTY PROBATE COURT STAFF

To make filing much easier in Probate Court, we are listing the number of copies we need for filing for our files. If you want a signed copy for yourself, file an extra copy and we will return the signed copy to you.

- All Orders - 2 copies
- Petition for Commencement of Proceedings - 2 copies
- All other Petitions - 1 copy
- Inventory - 2 copies
- Bond or Acceptance of Trust - 2 copies
- Letters of Authority or Guardianship - 2 copies
- Final Accounts - 2 copies
- Petition and Order on one form - 2 copies
- All other papers - 1 copy

We no longer accept computerized copies of annual accountings because of the length of time it takes to go through them. We would appreciate it if you would file your accounts on our regular form.

When a Report of Sale of Real Estate is filed, we need bond in the amount of the sale. If the sale is below inventory value, we now require one letter of appraisal from a realtor instead of testimony of a realtor.

If at all possible, we would like all papers filed for estate and guardianship hearings at least the day before the hearing to enable Judge Terbush to check the Orders before the hearing.

At a recent guardianship seminar I attended, we were asked to distinguish between a Legally Incapacitated Person and a Legally Protected Person. Guardianship over a person is a Legally Incapacitated Person and a Conservatorship over a person's estate is a Legally Protected Person, so your Letters of Guardianship should read, Jane Doe, a Legally Incapacitated Person and your Letters of Authority for Conservatorship should read, Jane Doe, a Legally Protected Person.

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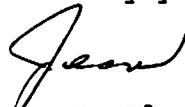
In all guardianships concerning minors and LIP/LPPs, we require that a Guardian Ad Litem be appointed to represent the ward. We have two very capable people working with the Court on this. They are, Dolyne Sheppler, 1044 Summit Street, Owosso, Michigan (723-1092) and Margaret Brown, 402 Corunna Avenue, Corunna, Michigan (743-3675). You may, of course, use another attorney of your choice.

I am enclosing sample copies of Letters of Authority, Letters of Guardianship and Order Appointing Guardian/Conservator. Judge Terbush requires that the wording typed at the bottom of the Order Appointing be on all those Orders. You will notice that this is also typed on the Letters. We will let you know if there are any more restrictions on the Letters or Order as the Petitions are filed.

To avoid republishing costs in estates, I am also enclosing acceptable language to be used on publications. I think this is self-explanatory.

We thank you for your cooperation. Our staff, of course, is always happy to help you if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Jean A. Flagg
Probate Register

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