

## **HOW TO PETITION FOR INSTRUCTIONS**

1. When the guardian needs direction from the Court the guardian must obtain a hearing date and time on the Guardianship/Trust calendar from the Guardianship Monitoring Program, 477-2622. File the original Petition for Instruction (Form #50A), Note for Hearing (Form#11A) and Declaration of Service (Form#11) in the Clerk's office and drop off conformed copies (date stamped) of these documents to the Guardianship Monitoring Program, Room 200. The guardian should also have a set of conformed copies to keep for him/herself.
2. It will be the responsibility of the guardian to provide notice of the hearing date to any interested party. The parties entitled to notice are set forth in RCW 11.88.040. Generally, this would include the incapacitated person, care facility, standby guardian, etc. Satisfactory notice is a minimum of twelve days prior to the hearing. (See LSPR 98.20 for additional information on proper notice deadlines.)
3. Remember the call in ready procedure two days prior to the hearing date no later than 11:59 a.m. to (509) 477-3886. The guardian would leave a message with the case name and number indicating the case is ready to go.
4. At the scheduled hearing date, the guardian would bring conformed copies of Petition for Instructions, Declaration of Service, and the original and copy of the Order on Petition for Instructions (Form #50B). The guardian should fill out the Order on Petition for Instruction the way he/she would like the Court to approve. Give the completed forms to the Clerk and take a seat.

**Guardianship Forms are available online at [www.spokanecounty.org/superiorcourt/guardianforms](http://www.spokanecounty.org/superiorcourt/guardianforms)**

Or the guardianship forms may be purchased at the Spokane County Bar Association Office on the fourth floor of the Spokane County Courthouse Annex.

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