

LSPR 98.24

MANDATORY GUARDIAN TRAINING

(a) **Definition of Applicable Cases.** This rule applies to all guardianship cases including those originating under RCW 11.88 and SPR 98.16W. The court, in its discretion, may also direct other persons to take all or part of the mandatory guardian training.

(b) **Intent.** The purpose of mandatory guardian training is to provide information to prospective guardians about their legal responsibilities as a guardian.

(c) **Guardian Training.** Except as provided in (d) no person shall be appointed guardian by the court until he/she has successfully completed the Mandatory Guardian Training sponsored by the Spokane County Superior Court. Successful completion shall be evidenced by a certificate issued by the court.

(d) **Special Consideration/Waiver.** Certified Professional Guardians are not required to attend guardian training as long as the guardian is in good standing with the Certified Professional Guardian Board. The court may waive the training for attorneys, bank trust officers and other professionals who have been appointed as guardians in the past.

(e) **Fees.** Each participant shall pay a fee to Spokane County to cover the cost of the training and guardian manual. The court may waive the fee in cases where the proposed guardian and/or the alleged incapacitated person is indigent.