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A **Guardianship** exists when an adult - who is not the child's parent - is appointed by the Court to care for the child's person and/or property. If you are appointed as the legal guardian of a child, you will have the authority and obligation to make decisions affecting the care, education, medical treatment and supervision of the child (also referred to as “**the ward**” for Guardianship Proceedings). When a Guardianship is established, the parents' rights to the care, supervision, and custody of the child are ***temporarily suspended***. However, the parents may have the right to reasonable visitation with the child as well as an obligation to pay child support to the guardian.

Generally, the court will appoint you as guardian of a child if the parent or parents are unable or unwilling to exercise their parental rights or if the parents voluntarily consent to the guardianship. The court will grant a Guardianship if it is shown through clear and convincing evidence that appointment of the guardian serves in the best interest of the child.

A Court can appoint you to be the Legal Guardian of a child if you are a relative, friend of the family or if the court considers you suitable to raise the child.

Types of Guardianship:

1. Guardianship of the Person
2. Guardianship of the Estate

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Guardianship of the Person: When a court appoints you as a Guardian of the Person, you will have the same responsibilities to care for the child as the natural parent. You would have full legal and physical custody of the child and may make all the decisions about the physical care of the child. You would be responsible for the child's care, supervision, food, clothing, shelter, safety, protection, physical growth, emotional growth, medical care, dental care, and education.

Guardianship of the Estate: When a court appoints you as a Guardian of the Estate, you will be responsible for managing the child's income, money, investments, or other property until the child reaches the age of majority, which is 18 years-old. A child may need you to be a Guardian of the Estate if he or she inherits money or assets in which the parents are absent or dead. Generally, a court would appoint the surviving parent to be the guardian of the child's estate. Usually, this form of Guardianship may be necessary if the minor has substantial real and personal property assets.

NOTE: A Guardianship is NOT an Adoption. First, with a Guardianship, parents still have parental rights and can ask the court for reasonable contact with the child. With an adoption, the parents' rights are permanently ended. Second, another difference is that with a Guardianship, the court can end the guardianship if the parents become able or willing to care for the child. With an adoption, the legal relationship with the adoptive parents is permanent.

ABOUT OUR MANAGING PARTNER

Mr. Steven Mueller is a Lawyer, Co-Founder & Senior Managing Partner of **Syndicate Legal Services** (www.SteveMuellerLegal.com). Mr. Mueller has more than twenty-five years of Law Office experience, including (but not limited to) 20 years of experience in Corporate & Investment Banking Law; 15 years of experience in Civil Litigation; 5 years of experience in person injury law, family law, and employment law; and 3 years of experience in Criminal Defense Law.

Mr. Mueller is a true pioneer in the Private and Public Capital Markets industry with more than twenty years of industry experience. Mr. Mueller has extensive experience in Alternative Trading Systems and Stock Exchange Legal & Compliance, structuring private and public securities offerings, and coordinating both public and private securities offerings through a syndicate network of FINRA Registered Broker Dealers, Investment Banks and Registered Investment Advisors. As of today, Mr. Mueller has participated approximate 200 IPOs and Rule 144A Equity Offerings, and nearly 2,500 capital markets transactions.

In addition, Mr. Mueller has completed the following courses: BA in Corporate Finance w/ Minor in Accounting (South Carolina); Law School (California Southern Law School); Three Years Law Office Study Program (LA Law, Beverly Hills); Paralegal & Advanced Paralegal Studies Certificates; FINRA series 6, 65 & 7; California Insurance (Property & Casualty, Life & Health, Commercial, Annuity, Earthquake, Flood & Long-Term Care); California Real Estate Sales; California Residential Mortgage; and California Bail Bonds. Mr. Mueller is also a United States Marine Corps Veteran (95-99, honorable discharge after completion of 4yr. tour of duty).



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