Adult Guardianship – The Basics

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Outline

I. Brief Overview of Adult Guardianship & Relevant Statutes (Chapter 54 Wis. Stats.)
   a. Individuals Who May be Subject to Adult Guardianships
   b. Kinds of Guardians:
      i. Of the Estate and/or the Person
      ii. Temporary or Permanent
      iii. Standby
      iv. Full or Limited
   c. Key Elements of the Process:
      i. Petition
      ii. Guardian ad Litem Required
      iii. Notice Required
      iv. Medical or Psychological Report Required
      v. Court’s Determination and Order
      vi. Letters of Guardianship
   d. Local Rules/Practices
   e. Court forms:  www.wisbar.org
                      www.wicourts.gov/forms1/circuit.index.htm

II. FAQs
   a. What are the alternatives to Guardianship?
   b. What does the court consider?
   c. Who can be a guardian and what do they have to do?
   d. Can I represent both the guardian and the proposed ward?

III. Resources:
   a. Wisconsin Department Of Health Services, Division of Long Term Care
      Publication: Guardianship of Adults, 06/2011
   b. Guardianship Assistance Project (GAP) – Modest Means: 414-266-3188
   c. Guardianship Clinic at Children’s Hospital: 414-266-3465
   d. Alzheimer’s Association – Milwaukee: 414-479-8800
   e. MBA Lawyer Referral Service: 414-276-5931
   f. Milwaukee County Aging Resource Center: 414-289-6874
   g. Disability Rights Wisconsin: www.disabilityrightswi.org
   h. Guardianship Support Center: 800-366-2990