

DID YOU KNOW?

CONSERVATORSHIPS ARE NOT JUST FOR DECLINING ADULTS.

When a **child with Special Needs** turns 18, a conservatorship may be necessary to **continue providing the support** they need. While parents or guardians have the legal authority to make decisions for their children before age 18, that **authority ends when the child becomes a legal adult**. At that point, even if you've cared for and supported your child their entire life, you may **no longer have the legal right** to make medical, financial, or personal decisions on their behalf.

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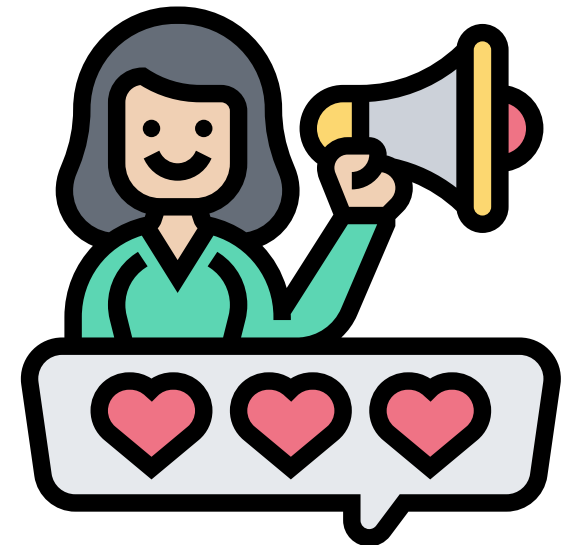
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CONSERVATORSHIP LEGAL SERVICES



WHEN DO YOU NEED ONE?

A conservatorship is a legal process where the **court appoints someone** to manage a loved one's **finances** and **health decisions** when they are **no longer able** to do so themselves or for a **special needs** adult.

This often difficult decision is guided by our experienced legal team with **compassion and care**.

We understand how challenging it is to **seek help for a loved one**, and we're here to **support you** every step of the way. Our strong relationships with key agencies and court staff, along with our streamlined approach, ensure the process is handled **efficiently** and **effectively**.



APPOINTMENT

To be appointed a conservator in California, you must:

- File a **Petition** – Submit a petition with the probate court requesting appointment.
- **Notify Relatives** – Provide legal notice to the proposed conservatee and close family.
- Pass a **Court Investigation** – The court will assign an investigator to assess the needs of the person in question.
- Attend a Hearing – A **judge reviews the case** and hears objections, if any.
- Get **Appointed** – Once approved, the judge issues an **order** and **Letters of Conservatorship**.

Conservators must **be responsible adults** and may be required to post a bond and **file reports regularly**.

REPORTS/ACCOUNTS

Part of the responsibility of a conservator includes filing a Report and Accounting with the court **every two years**. This is a detailed court filing that outlines financial activity, care updates, future plans, and gives a **transparent report** of your actions. We assist conservators in preparing and filing accurate, timely, and **court-compliant** reports. Our legal team ensures every detail is properly documented, so you **remain in good standing** with the court and focused on what matters most—providing care and oversight.



Attorney **Arthur Nielsen** is a **Certified Specialist** in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law, through the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization