

SAMPLE

Superior Court
County of King

of Washington,

In the Guardianship/
Conservatorship of:
PWD's name
Respondent

Case No.:
**Notice of Petition for
Guardian, Conservator, or
Protective Arrangement for
Adult**
(NT)

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To: The Respondent, court visitor, and all other persons who are listed in the petition:

A petition has been filed in King County

Superior Court by (*petitioner's name*) Joan Smith. The petition asks the court to appoint a guardian, conservator, and/or

protective arrangement for (*respondent's name*) _____.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT – READ CAREFULLY

YOU AS THE RESPONDENT COULD LOSE ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS:

- to marry, divorce, or enter into or end a state registered domestic partnership;
- to vote or hold an elected office;
- to make or revoke a will;
- to make financial decisions about your own money;
- to enter into a contract;
- to appoint someone to act on your behalf;
- to sue and/or be sued, other than through a guardian;
- to possess a license to drive;
- to buy, sell, own, mortgage, or lease property;
- to consent to or refuse medical treatment;
- to decide who shall provide your care and assistance;
- to make decisions regarding social aspects of your life.

YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS UNDER THE LAW:

1. You have the right to have a lawyer you choose at any stage of the proceedings. The court will appoint a lawyer at public expense you if you cannot afford one or if paying a lawyer would result in a significant hardship to you.
2. You have the right to demand a jury trial on the:
 - issue of whether the basis exists for appointment of a guardian or conservator; and
 - rights to be retained or restricted if a guardian or conservator is appointed.
3. You have the right to be present in court and testify when the hearing is held to decide whether or not you need a guardian or conservator. If a court visitor is appointed, you have the right to request the court to replace that person.
4. You have the right to ask the court to establish a protective arrangement instead of a guardianship or conservatorship.

If you have any questions about these rights or you want to exercise these rights, tell your court visitor, lawyer, or the judge.

Joan Smith's signature

Petitioner signs here

Joan Smith

Print name (if lawyer, also list WSBA #)

3/12/25

Date

The following is my contact information:

Email: **joansmith234@hotmail.com**

Phone (Optional):

I agree to accept legal papers for this case at the following address (*this does not have to be your home address*):

Joan Smith's address

Street Address or PO Box

City

State Zip

Note: You and the other party/ies may agree to accept legal papers by email under Civil Rule 5 and local court rules.