

PROBATE COURT OF _____ COUNTY, OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF _____

CASE NO. _____

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE WARD OF APPLICATION AND HEARING

To _____

Address _____

An application for appointment of _____ as (limited) guardian for your (person and estate) has been filed with the Probate Court.

A hearing on that application will be held on _____ at _____ o'clock _____.M. at the Probate Court, _____. At that hearing, Applicant must prove by clear and convincing evidence that, because of mental impairment, you are unable to handle your own affairs.

1. **You have the right to be present at the hearing to contest the application, and to be represented by an attorney of your choice;**
2. **The right to have a friend or family member of your choice present at the hearing;**
3. **The right to have evidence of an independent expert evaluation introduced at the hearing;**
4. **If you are indigent, upon your request, an attorney and an independent expert evaluator will be appointed at court expense;**
5. **If you are indigent, and you appeal the guardianship decision, you have the right to have an attorney appointed and necessary transcripts prepared at court expense.**

Witness my signature and the seal of the Court,
this _____ day of _____, 20____

(Seal)

Probate Judge

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

RETURN

_____ County, Ohio

_____, 20____

Received this notice on the _____ day of _____, 20____, and on the _____ day of _____, 20____, I served the same by delivering a true copy thereof personally to _____.

I communicated with him/her in a language or method of communication understandable to the alleged incompetent.

Investigator