

Dear Ms./Mr. _____:

I have been appointed as Guardian ad Litem (GAL) for [name AIP] because a Petition for Guardianship has been filed in Spokane County seeking establishment of a guardianship for him/her by _____ (Petitioner). Enclosed please find a copy of the Order Appointing Guardian ad Litem, a statement of my qualifications to serve as AIP's GAL, and notice of hearing for your information.

I am writing to you as AIP's (friend, father, brother, uncle, etc.). I have spoken with _____ who advised me that s/he discussed this with you and that you are not opposed to the guardianship due to AIP's continuing/emerging needs for assistance.

At issue in the case is whether AIP is incapacitated within the definition of RCW 11.88 and, if so, whether s/he needs a guardian to assist him/her in providing for his/her medical, physical, and financial needs, and best interests, and whether _____ (name) is an appropriate person to serve as AIP's/name guardian.

My duty as AIP's GAL is to serve as the eyes and ears of the Court by visiting with AIP and others, conducting an investigation to determine his/her capabilities, capacities, and desires by talking with him/her, family members, medical providers, and others who have a continuing and significant interest in his/her well-being.

A hearing date is scheduled on this petition for guardianship for _____. I am required to file a report of my findings and recommendations regarding AIP's need for a guardian by __[date]____. Your comments and responses are an important part of my investigation.

You are welcome to attend the hearing. I will be calling you in the next several days to discuss this with you more fully. If you would like to attend the hearing, please know that it will likely be held by ZOOM. I will notify you of the ZOOM meeting ID information the day before the hearing, if you want to attend.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

[Name]
Guardian ad Litem for Name
Enclosures