



Steps to Guardianship

What Are the Steps?

1. Get forms for filing guardianship. These can be obtained in-person at your Superior Court location, or the probate section of your County's Superior Court website: <https://www.azcourts.gov/AZ-Courts/Superior-Court>
2. Fill out petitions required-medical has to be filled out prior to court
3. Decide if you need attorney or “coach”
4. Fill out any waiver document for court fees
5. Check all documents for accuracy
6. Submit paperwork and receive court date
7. Court appoints ward an attorney
8. Go to hearing
9. Present waiver forms for fee waiver during hearing

Internet Links

Probate Court Website: <https://superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/probate-and-mental-health-department/>

Guardianship FAQs: <https://superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/probate-and-mental-health-department/frequently-asked-questions/>

Find the forms here: <https://superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/lrc/probate-court-forms/>

Free/Cost consultation with an attorney: <https://superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/probate-and-mental-health-department/probate-lawyers-assistance-project-plap/>

Information for grandparents seeking guardianship:
<http://duetaz.org/index.php/services/grandparents-raising-grandchildren>

Lawyer referral service: <http://maricopalawyers.org/>

Directory of Legal Document Preparers: <https://www.azcourts.gov/Portals/26/LDP/LDPDirectory1-25-16.pdf>

Legal Options Manual (English): <https://www.azdisabilitylaw.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/2016-Legal-Options-Manual.pdf>