

The volunteers and interns with the Guardian Review Program (GRP) serve as *Court Visitors* with the Superior Court of Maricopa County. They assist the Probate Department by visiting vulnerable adults who have been deemed incapacitated to the extent in which they lack the sufficient understanding or capacity to make or communicate responsible decisions concerning themselves, and are appointed a Guardian as a result by the court.



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Guardian Review Program

Superior Court of
Maricopa County
Probate Department

Our mission is to honorably serve the public in their quest to preserve respect and dignity of vulnerable adults and to assure their proper care and protection of assets.



About Our Program

Since the inception of the Guardian Review Program (GRP) in 1992, the Maricopa County Superior Court, Probate Department has received national recognition as a model program. The Guardian Review Program has also been awarded grants from both the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and the American Bar Association (ABA). The Guardian Review Program assists with the monitoring of matters where a guardian has been appointed.

With over 7,000 active guardianship matters in Maricopa County, there is a great demand for volunteers who are observant, objective, responsible, and eager to help their community while gaining valuable knowledge about our judicial system.

Getting Involved in the Community as a Court Visitor

Court Visitors, conduct in-person visits with those under a guardianship. Those who are under guardianship are referred to as *wards* within the judicial system. We conduct visits in effort to reduce the potential for neglect and abuse of these vulnerable persons under Maricopa County Superior Court's jurisdiction.

Our Court Visitors must possess the skills necessary to objectively observe and report in a non-biased, neutral manner. In doing so Court Visitors ensure each ward remains safeguarded and that appointed guardian(s), conservators, and/or fiduciaries are educated about their responsibilities which increases community awareness of the guardianship process while receiving first-hand knowledge on how the judicial system functions.

What to Expect

- Monthly case assignments.
- To successfully complete a criminal background check.
- Reviewing relevant case information provided with case assignments.
- Contact guardians and conducting face-to-face interviews with wards.
- Complete and submit case report(s) with findings.
- Notifying the Guardian Review Program staff of any problems, concerns, or issues of abuse or neglect.
- Completing mileage forms for reimbursement (optional).