

Procedures: How to serve legal papers by Sheriff in cases concerning Guardianship of a Minor

(Arrange for service ONLY after you have filed your court papers)

STEP 1 Arranging for service:

- Go to the sheriff's office with the papers for Service. The Sheriff's Office is located in downtown Phoenix. Even if you file your case at the Juvenile Court at the Durango Facility, or at the Juvenile Court's Southeast Facility in Mesa, you must still go to the Sheriff's office to arrange for Service. The Maricopa County Service's Office, Civil Unit is located at:

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
201 West Jefferson Street
West Court Building
Phoenix, Arizona 85003
(602) 876-1840

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
Northeast Regional Court Center
18380 N. 40th Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85032

- There is a filing fee for all Petitions and there are service fees. You may request a waiver or deferral of filing fees (and the Sheriff's service fees if you intend to use the Sheriff's Office for service) at the time you file your papers with the Clerk of Superior Court.

STEP 2 Documents needed for service:

- Complete the attached sheet for identifying the other person (Page 2) and bring the following with you to the Sheriff's Office:
 - 1) A set of copies of the court papers for the person being served.
 - 2) A picture or a written physical description of the other person.
 - 3) A written description of the automobile the other person drives.
 - 4) The address where other person can be served.
 - 5) A certified copy of the Order Waiving/Deferring Fees or a \$200.00 deposit payable with cash or money order.

STEP 3 After service is given:

- The Sheriff will mail you a copy of the Affidavit of Service after he or she serves the other person with the papers. The Sheriff may also file these papers instead of sending them back to you; however, you must make sure that the Affidavit is filed.

 (Your Name)

 (Address)

 (City/State/Zip)

 (Telephone Number)

 (Date)

_____ County Sheriff
 (County)

 (Street Address)

 (City, State, Zip Code)

I enclose a copy of the following documents: (list all documents you want to be served)

- Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor
- Affidavit of Person to be Appointed as Guardian
- Consent of Parent to Guardianship (and Waiver of Notice)
- Petition for Termination of Guardianship of a Minor
- Other (list title of) Document: _____

Please serve these papers on the person. His or her current address and physical description are:

(Other Person's Name) _____

(Work Address) _____

(Home Address) _____

Sex	Race	Birth	Height	Weight	Eyes	Hair	SSN

Please return a notarized Affidavit of Service to my address at your earliest convenience. Maricopa County Superior Court requires that each document served be named in the Affidavit of Service.

- I enclose a deposit for \$200.00. I understand there is a \$16.00 service fee, \$2.40 per mile, one way, for each attempt at service travel fee, and a \$8.00 notary fee. I understand the difference between my deposit and the fees accrued for service will be billed or returned to me. OR,
- I enclose a certified copy of the Order for Waiver/Deferral of fees for Service of Process.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

 (Your Signature)

Enclosures