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**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY**

In the Matter of the Guardianship of:

Case Number JG: _____

**PETITION FOR PERMANENT
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
OF A MINOR**

A Minor

INFORMATION ABOUT PETITIONER(S), UNDER OATH OR AFFIRMATION:

1. INFORMATION ABOUT PETITIONER:

Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

I am related by blood to the children. Explain how you are related.
(Examples: Grandmother, Uncle, Sister, etc.) _____

Are you related to the children through the Mother's side of the family or the Father's side?

Mother Father

Paternity has been established through Birth Certificate Court Order

I am NOT related by blood to the Children. Explain how you know the Children.

Note: If the person to be appointed Guardian is not related to the child, the person will need to submit a full set of fingerprints to obtain a criminal background investigation.

2. INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHILDREN WHO NEEDS A PERMANENT GUARDIAN: (Make copies of this page if needed for additional children)

a. Child's name: _____ male female
Child's birth date: _____
Child's birth place: _____
Child's address: _____

b. Child's name: _____ male female
Child's birth date: _____
Child's birth place: _____
Child's address: _____

c. Child's name: _____ male female
Child's birth date: _____
Child's birth place: _____
Child's address: _____

d. Child's name: _____ male female
Child's birth date: _____
Child's birth place: _____
Child's address: _____

(If more than four children, please attach information for all children)

3. REASONS I AM ASKING FOR A GUARDIANSHIP ORDER.

Explain why the appointment of a permanent guardian is necessary at this time to provide continuing care and supervision of the Children and would be in the best interests of the Children. Explain:

4. Disability or Incapacitation. Is the Child disabled or incapacitated to the extent that he or she will need a guardian AFTER reaching the age of 18?

- YES.** The Child WILL need a guardian after reaching the age of 18.
- NO.** The Child WILL NOT need a guardian after reaching the age of 18.

5. Information about person(s) to be appointed guardian or any person who will serve as a co-guardian (ONLY if different than Petitioner)

Name(s): _____ / _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Date(s) of Birth: _____ / _____

- Is the first person to be appointed guardian **related by blood** to the Children **YES** **NO**
(Examples: Grandmother, Uncle, Sister)
- Is the second person to be appointed guardian **related by blood** to the Children **YES** **NO**
(Examples: Grandmother, Uncle, Sister)

If "YES" , HOW is the person to be appointed guardian related to the Children?	If "NO" above, is the person to be appointed guardian related in any way to the Children? Explain.
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6. Why should this Court choose the person you request to be the guardian?
(Explain in detail.)

7. Will anyone object or disagree with the Permanent Guardianship?

- Mother of the children will object or disagree with you being permanent guardian because:**

- Father of the children will object or disagree with you being permanent guardian because:**

Children (over age 14) will object or disagree with you being permanent guardian because:

If you feel a parent will not consent and the children are in danger, you can call Arizona Department of Child Safety at 1-888-SOS-CHILD (1-888-767-2445)

8. REASONS FOR REQUESTED PERSON TO BE APPOINTED GUARDIAN:

(Check one or more of the boxes that you think apply to the relationship of the proposed guardian to the children you say require a guardian):

- Proposed appointee was selected by the children, who are at least 14 years old.
- Proposed appointee is a relative of the children and has had care and custody of the children for the last 6 months prior to filing this Petition.
- Proposed appointee was chosen to be the guardian by someone who is caring for the children or is paying benefits for the children.
- Proposed appointee is a public fiduciary, a professional guardian, conservator, or the Arizona Veterans' Service Commission.
- Proposed appointee is not related by blood to the children and the person will submit a full set of fingerprints to the court required by A.R.S § 14-5206.
- Other (Please explain)

9. INFORMATION REGARDING GUARDIANSHIP: (Prior Appointment)

To the best of my knowledge, (check one box):

- No Guardian or Conservator has been appointed** in any other court, and no court proceedings are pending for such appointment;
- Someone has been appointed or court proceedings are pending** (explain who, when, in what court, and if appointee, whether guardian or conservator, or both):
- There is a dependency petition pending in any Court.** (explain when, in what court, and list the case number(s)):

Arizona Department of Child Safety has been involved with the family. (explain when, in what State, and outcome):

10. Persons Entitled to Notice under Arizona law

Arizona law says that mother, father, children age 14 and over, current guardians, and other persons the children have recently been living with are entitled to Notice of the Petition for Guardianship or must consent or agree to a guardianship. (Refer to Instructions and **A.R.S. §§ 14-5207 and 14-5310** regarding who must be given Notice.)

A. I will give Notice to the following persons:

	Name	Address (Street Address, City, State, Zip)
Children, if age 14 and over		
Attorney for Children (if already appointed)		
Mother of Children		
Father of Children		
Current Guardian Relationship to children, if any		
Person with whom the children recently has been living		
Other: Relationship to children, if any		

B. I have notarized, signed consents for the following persons:

11. ASSETS OF THE CHILDREN: (check one box)

- The children have no substantial assets or income. No bond by Petitioner is required; OR,
- The children have assets and/or annual income in the approximate amount of \$ _____

Explain (what are the assets, where are assets located, monthly income from assets, etc):

12. PARENTAL RIGHTS. All parental rights of custody regarding the children (have been suspended or terminated by:

- Mother's parental rights have been terminated by Court Order (case number: _____) and I will provide a copy of the Court Order at the hearing.
- Mother consents to the guardianship (Notarized copy of Consent must be attached)
- Mother has abandoned the children (for at least six (6) months prior to the filing of this Petition)
- Father's parental rights have been terminated by Court Order (case number: _____) and I will provide a copy of the Court Order at the hearing
- Father consents to the guardianship (Notarized copy of Consent must be attached)
- Father has abandoned the children (for at least six (6) months prior to the filing of this Petition)
- Prior court order (Certified copy of the order must be attached)
- Other Circumstances: (Explain in detail)

WARNING: A GUARDIANSHIP UNDER TITLE XIV CANNOT BE GRANTED OVER A PARENT'S OBJECTION (DISAGREEMENT).

13. REQUIRED STATEMENTS TO THE COURT, UNDER OATH OR AFFIRMATION: (Note: All of these statements must be true and you must check the box for each statement to indicate to the Court that each statement is true, or you cannot file this Petition.)

- A.** This Court is the proper **venue** for this case because the children who need a guardian lives in or is present in this county.
- B.** The person who is requested to be the guardian has completed the required documents called **Affidavit of Person to be Appointed as Guardian** and is filing that Affidavit with this Petition as required by Arizona law, A.R.S. §14-5106.
- C.** I, or the person I request to be appointed guardian in Section 6, is a suitable and proper person to act as guardian and is entitled to consideration for appointment under Arizona Law, A.R.S. §14-5106, and/or 14-5410.
- D.** I understand that to have a hearing scheduled, I must complete and file the "Certificate of Readiness" (Request to Set Hearing) stating I have all the required documents and I will bring copies to the Hearing. If I do not file the "Certificate of Readiness" within 60 days of filling the petition, my case will be dismissed.

REQUESTS TO THE COURT:

- 1. After I file a "Certificate of Readiness" (Request to Set Hearing), I request the Court schedule a hearing to determine if the Court should order a Guardianship;
- 2. At the hearing to determine if the Court should order guardianship, the Court may appoint a Permanent Guardian of the children; and
- 3. Make any other orders the Court decides are in the best interests of the children.

OATH OR AFFIRMATION AND VERIFICATION OF PETITIONER

I state to the Court, under penalty of perjury, that I have read this petition and all the statements in the petition are true and correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

_____ Date

_____ Petitioner's Signature

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before me this: _____ by
(date)

(notary seal)

_____ Deputy Clerk or Notary Public

I state to the Court, under penalty of perjury, that I have read this petition and all the statements in the petition are true and correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

_____ Date

_____ Co-Petitioner's Signature

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before me this: _____ by
(date)

(notary seal)

_____ Deputy Clerk or Notary Public