PRE-APPOINTMENT A petition is filed with the court for G/C. ¹ The proposed G/C takes the qualifying exam. The Clerk schedules a hearing. The petition and notice of hearing are served to the respondent and all interested parties. A public notice of the petition and hearing is posted. Prior to the hearing, the Judge appoints: An attorney - if the respondent does not have one. A Court Visitor - if it is proposed that the respondent be excused from the hearing. A Court Visitor - if more information is needed about the respondent's circumstances.

2 APPOINTMENT The hearing begins. If someone obj

If someone objects, the Judge orders mediation.

If mediation is not

successful, a trial is

set.

The Petitioner presents evidence of the respondent's incapacity and the necessary authority.

The Judge enters the order.

If G/C is ordered:

The Clerk -

- Issues the letter appointing the G/C with limited or plenary authority
- Sets up tracking for annual reports

The G/C -

- Accepts the appointment
- Files verified private information form (within 7 days)

3 POST-APPOINTMENT

The G/C submits the required reports:

- Inventory of estate (within 90 days of appointment).
- Status Report and Financial Accounting (one year after appointment).
- Status Report and Financial Accounting annually thereafter.

After G/C is in place, the judge may request a Court Visitor to:

- Inquire about the protected person's well-being.
- Review reports and financial records for indications of abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, and other problems.
- Determine the G/C and protected person's whereabouts.

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