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In the District Justice Court of Utah

_____ Judicial District _____ County

Court Address _____

In the Matter of Protection for

Respondent

**Notice of Hearing, Rights and
Adverse Consequences of a
Guardianship**

Case Number

Judge

To:

Interested Person Name and Address

This court has received the attached petition claiming that the respondent is incapacitated, which means that the petitioner claims that the respondent is unable to make or communicate responsible decisions. The petition asks that this court appoint _____ (name) as guardian to make decisions for the respondent.

The court has scheduled a hearing at the following date and time.

El tribunal ha programado una audiencia en la fecha y hora que sigue.

Courthouse Address (Dirección del tribunal):

Date (Fecha): _____ Time (Hora): _____ [] a.m. [] p.m.

Room (Sala): _____

Judge (Juez): _____

At the hearing the court will decide whether the respondent is incapacitated, who the guardian will be, and what authority the guardian will have. The respondent must attend the hearing, and must be represented by a lawyer. The respondent has the following rights:

- the right to choose his or her own attorney; (or the court will appoint a lawyer.)
- the right to nominate a guardian;
- the right to limit the guardian's authority to that needed for protection;
- the right to receive written reasons for appointing a guardian;
- the right to demand that the hearing be open or closed to the public;
- the right to present evidence;
- the right to ask questions of witnesses;
- the right to be examined by a court-appointed physician;
- the right to be interviewed by a court-appointed visitor and to ask that the visitor interview the proposed guardian;
- the right to ask that the visitor visit the respondent's current home and proposed home; and
- the right to trial by jury.

The respondent and any person interested in the respondent have the right to ask the court for a hearing to end the guardianship, to appoint a different guardian, or to change the guardian's authority.

If a guardian is appointed, the guardian will make decisions for the respondent in the areas in which the court decides the respondent needs protection. The guardian may have the authority to make decisions about:

- where the respondent lives;
- the respondent's healthcare, including end of life choices;
- the respondent's finances, like investing or spending money;
- the respondent's business and property.

In addition, if the court finds that the respondent is incapacitated, the respondent may no longer be able to:

- drive a car;
- make a will;
- marry or divorce; or
- vote.

Attendance

You must attend. If you do not attend, you might be held in contempt of court and the relief requested might be granted. You have the right to be represented by a lawyer.

Evidence

Bring with you any evidence that you want the court to consider.

Interpretation

If you do not speak or understand English, the court will provide an interpreter. Contact court staff immediately to ask for an interpreter.

ADA Accommodation

If you need an accommodation, including an ASL interpreter, contact court staff immediately to ask for an accommodation.

Finding help

The court’s Finding Legal Help web page (www.utcourts.gov/howto/legalassist/) provides information about the ways you can get legal help, including the Self-Help Center, reduced-fee attorneys, limited legal help and free legal clinics.

Asistencia

Presentarse es obligatorio. Si usted no llegara a presentarse, se lo podría encontrar en desacato de las órdenes del juez y la reparación solicitada podría ser otorgada. Usted tiene el derecho de que lo represente un abogado.

Pruebas

Traiga con usted cualquier prueba que quiera que el tribunal tome en cuenta.

Interpretación

Si usted no habla ni entiende el Inglés el tribunal le proveeré un intérprete. Contacte a un empleado del tribunal inmediatamente para pedir un intérprete.

Adaptación o Arreglo en Caso de Discapacidad

Si usted requiere una adaptación o arreglo, que incluye un intérprete de la lengua de signos americana, contacte a un empleado del tribunal inmediatamente para pedir una adaptación.

Cómo encontrar ayuda legal

La página de la internet del tribunal Cómo encontrar ayuda legal (www.utcourts.gov/howto/legalassist/index-sp.html/) tiene información sobre algunas maneras de encontrar ayuda legal, incluyendo el Centro de Ayuda de los Tribunales de Utah, abogados que ofrecen descuentos u ofrecen ayuda legal limitada, y talleres legales gratuitos.

Date

Signature ► _____

Printed Name _____