

Superior Court of California County of Amador 500 Argonaut Lane Jackson, CA. 95642 (209) 257-2603	<i>FOR COURT USE ONLY</i>
IN RE THE APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF: _____	
NOTICE OF GUARDIANSHIP COURT INVESTIGATION	CASE NUMBER: _____

Type: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____ Location: <u> </u> (Courtname) <u> </u> , <u> </u> (address1) <u> </u> , <u> </u> (city) <u> </u> , <u> </u> (state) <u> </u> This appointment is for the proposed guardian.

You have petitioned the court to be appointed as a guardian. As part of this process, the court appoints an investigator to do an assessment of your home and family. The investigator makes a recommendation to the court about your ability to serve as a guardian and whether a guardianship is in the best interest of the child or children. Included in the assessment is a background check, interview with the guardian, interview with the child(ren), and a home visit.

You will need to complete the questionnaire provided to you and bring it with you to the interview. In addition, you are asked to have 3 individuals complete the attached reference form and mail it to the investigator. Please do not use relatives as references. At the interview, the investigator will set an appointment for the home visit and any other additional appointments needed to complete the assessment.

You will be invoiced for the investigation services unless you qualify for a fee waiver from the court. If you have a fee waiver, please bring a copy of it to the interview. The initial fee is \$300.00. When the assessment is completed, you will be mailed a copy of the report. If you have an attorney, the attorney will receive a copy also. Generally, assessments are completed in 30-45 days if all the information is received promptly. There may be an occasion when the investigator asks for a continuance to complete the report.

Interviews are conducted at the courthouse located at 500 ARGONAUT LANE in Jackson. If you have any questions, please contact the Court Investigator at (209) 257-2689.

REVIEWS: Every year the guardian is required to complete and file with the court a confidential status report (Judicial Council form GC-251).

AMADOR SUPERIOR COURT
GUARDIANSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

1. What changes have you noticed in the child(ren)'s behavior to cause you to initiate this guardianship?

2. Briefly describe the events that led to this dispute?

3. What are your ideas about how the child(ren) will see their parents?

4. Are you willing to provide transportation to facilitate visitation with the parents?

Yes No

How far do you reside from the parents? _____

Do you have a valid driver's license and proof of insurance? Yes No

5. What is your greatest fear regarding the welfare of the child(ren)?

6. Have you ever been arrested? If so, please furnish dates and other details?

7. Have you ever been hospitalized for emotional or drug related problems?

8. How would you describe your alcohol use?

9. How would you describe your drug use?

10. Are you presently under the care of a doctor? If so, please furnish the following information:

Physician's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone : _____

Nature of Problem: _____

Medication: _____

11. Please furnish the following information for the minor(s):

	Child's Name	School	Phone #	Teacher's Name
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____

12. Is there anything else we should know about this case?

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF AMADOR**

Reference Form

The Superior Court of Amador County has referred this matter to the Court Investigator for a report. Your name has been given to us as a reference. Please complete this form as soon as possible and mail it to us so that we may complete our report in accordance with Probate Code Section 1513 et seq. Send form to:

Amador Superior Court

**Court Investigator
500 ARGONAUT LANE
Jackson, CA 95642**

Reference Name: _____ Phone # _____

Address: _____

RE: Guardianship Petitioner: _____

Case #: _____ Minor: _____

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the petitioner?

2. How often have you visited in his/her home?

3. What was your impression of the emotional climate of the home?

4. What was your impression of the physical appearance of the home?

5. Do you believe the child(ren) receive adequate care in the home?

6. To your knowledge, does the petitioner have any problem in any of the following areas?

ABUSE OF ALCOHOL	YES	_____	NO	_____
ABUSE OF DRUGS	YES	_____	NO	_____
CRIMINAL INVOLVEMENT	YES	_____	NO	_____
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	YES	_____	NO	_____

If the answer to any of the above is yes, please give details.

7. Have you ever witnessed any physical or emotional abuse of the child(ren)? If so, please explain.

8. What method of discipline have you observed the petitioner to use?

9. What is the nature of the relationship between the petitioner and the child(ren) from your observations?

10. Any additional information, which you believe, might be helpful to the investigator?

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date: _____ **Signature:** _____

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF AMADOR 500 ARGONAUT LANE, JACKSON CA 95642	CLERK'S USE ONLY
In re the Appointment of Guardian of: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Estate	
ORDER APPOINTING COURT INVESTIGATOR	CASE NO. _____

1. In accordance with Probate Code Sections 1513-1516, inclusive, the following Department is appointed to serve as the court investigator:
 - Court Investigator (proposed guardian is a relative)¹
 - Department of Social Services (proposed guardian is a non-relative)

2. You are directed to prepare a report and recommendation concerning the above-entitled guardianship petition. In so doing, your report for the guardianship of the person shall include, but need not be limited to, an investigation and discussion of all of the following:
 - (a). A social history of the guardian.
 - (b). A social history of the proposed ward, included to the extent feasible, an assessment of any identified developmental, emotional, psychological or educational needs of the proposed ward and the capability of the petitioner to meet those needs.
 - (c). The relationship of the proposed ward to the guardian, including the duration and character of the relationship, where applicable, the circumstances whereby physical custody of the proposed ward was acquired by the guardian, and a statement of the proposed ward's attitude concerning the proposed guardianship, unless the statement of the attitude is affected by the proposed ward's developmental, physical or emotional condition.
 - (d). The anticipated duration of the guardianship and the plans of both natural parents and the proposed guardian for the stable and permanent home for the child.

¹ A “relative” means a person who is a spouse, parent, stepparent, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, half-sister, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, first cousin, or any person denoted by the prefix “grand” or “great” or the spouse of any of these persons, even after the marriage has been terminated by death or dissolution. (Probate Code §1513(g)).

3. If the investigation finds that any party to the proposed guardianship alleges the minor's parent is unfit, as defined by Section 300 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, the case shall be referred to the county agency designated to investigate potential dependencies. Guardianship proceedings shall not be completed until the investigation required by Sections 328 and 329 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is completed and a report is provided to the court in which the guardianship proceeding is pending (Probate Code §1513(c)).
4. The report authorized by Probate Code §1513 is confidential and shall only be made available to persons who have been served in the proceedings or their attorneys. The court clerk shall make provisions for the limitation of the report exclusively to persons entitled to its receipt.
5. For the purpose of writing the report authorized by this section, the person making the investigation and report shall have access to the proposed ward's school records, probation records, and public and private social services records, and to an oral or written summary of the proposed ward's medical records and psychological records prepared by any physician, psychologist, or psychiatrist who made or who is maintaining those records. The physician, psychologist, or psychiatrist shall be available to clarify information regarding these records pursuant to the investigator's responsibility to gather and provide information for the court.
6. It is further ordered that on behalf of the Superior Court you are to receive from Amador County Child Protective Services all information pertaining to the instant petition as is necessary to prepare your report and recommendation thereon.
7. The Petition for Appointment of Guardian is scheduled to be heard on _____.

Dated: _____

 Judge of the Superior Court

ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PROPOSED GUARDIAN REQUIRED:

- cc: Department of Social Services
 Court Investigator