

PROBATE COURT OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF \_\_\_\_\_

CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE WARD OF APPLICATION AND HEARING**

To \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

An application for appointment of \_\_\_\_\_ as (limited) guardian for your (person and estate) has been filed with the Probate Court.

A hearing on that application will be held on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_M. at the Probate Court, \_\_\_\_\_. At that hearing, Applicant must prove by clear and convincing evidence that, because of mental impairment, you are unable to handle your own affairs.

- 1. You have the right to be present at the hearing to contest the application, and to be represented by an attorney of your choice;**
- 2. The right to have a friend or family member of your choice present at the hearing;**
- 3. The right to have evidence of an independent expert evaluation introduced at the hearing;**
- 4. If you are indigent, upon your request, an attorney and an independent expert evaluator will be appointed at court expense;**
- 5. If you are indigent, and you appeal the guardianship decision, you have the right to have an attorney appointed and necessary transcripts prepared at court expense.**

Witness my signature and the seal of the Court,  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

**(Seal)**

Probate Judge

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

**RETURN**

\_\_\_\_\_ County, Ohio

\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Received this notice on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, I served the same by delivering a true copy thereof personally to \_\_\_\_\_.

I communicated with him/her in a language or method of communication understandable to the alleged incompetent.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Investigator