

Alaska: [Powers and Duties of a Full Guardian of an Adult](#)

**Source:** Alaska Court System

**Content Type:** Booklet

This short booklet is available as a PDF document. It provides information about the required training a guardian must perform, as well as the guardian's duties and powers specific to Alaska law.

Arkansas: [Guardianship: A Guide for the Families, Advocates and Friends of People with Disabilities](#)

**Source:** Arkansas Governor's DD Council

**Content Type:** Booklet

This short booklet is available as a PDF document. It provides a brief description of the history of guardianships, the guardianship process, and the guardian's duties and responsibilities. It also provides information about other resources available to guardians in Arkansas.

California: [Handbook for Conservators](#)

**Source:** Judicial Council of California

**Content Type:** Handbook

This handbook is available as a PDF document. It explains what is expected of the conservator and suggests resources to assist the conservator in carrying out those duties and responsibilities.

Colorado: [Introduction to Guardianship for an Adult in Colorado](#)

**Source:** Guardianship Alliance of Colorado

**Content Type:** Webpage

The Guardianship Alliance of Colorado provides a webpage of education materials that gives information about the rights, powers, limitations, and general responsibilities of a guardian. The Guardianship Alliance of Colorado is a helpful resource for those in Colorado.

Connecticut: [Guidelines for Conservators](#)

**Source:** The Probate Courts of Connecticut

**Content Type:** Booklet

The booklet is available as a PDF document. It provides information about the procedure, role, and responsibility of the Probate Court and the conservator. It is intended to be used as a guide and not a substitute for professional advice.

Delaware: [Handbook for Guardians](#)

**Source:** Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware

**Content Type:** Handbook

The handbook is available as a PDF document. It provides information about how to obtain a guardianship and the guardian's duties and responsibilities. It is a helpful handbook intended to be used as an informational source only.

Florida: [Guardianship Basics: A Handbook for Guardians](#)

**Source:** Statewide Public Guardianship Office

**Content Type:** Handbook

The Handbook is available as a PDF document. It is intended to be used as a reference guide and provides information that the courts expect all guardians to be familiar with.

Georgia: [Handbook for Guardians and Conservators of Adults in Georgia](#)

**Source:** William J. Self, II, Georgia Council of Probate Court Judges

**Content Type:** Handbook

The handbook is available as a PDF document. It is written for people who have been appointed in Georgia as a guardian or conservator for another person. The handbook is intended to be used as a reference and not a comprehensive review of all laws covering guardianships.

Idaho: [Guardianship and Conservatorship: Questions and Answers](#)

**Source:** Idaho State Bar Taxation, Probate and Trust Law Section

**Content Type:** Pamphlet

The pamphlet is available as a PDF document. It is written to help explain what a guardianship and conservatorship is, how it is obtained, and what the responsibilities of a guardian and conservator are.

Illinois: [Being a Guardian](#)

**Source:** The Elder Law Section Council of the Illinois State Bar Association

**Content Type:** Pamphlet/Webpage

The pamphlet is available for purchase on the ISBA website, but can also be viewed for free. It explains the different types of guardianship and the responsibilities of a guardian.

Iowa: [Guardianship and Conservatorship Handbook](#)

**Source:** The Iowa State Bar Association: Young Lawyers Division

**Content Type:** Handbook

The handbook is available as a PDF document. It is a general overview of guardianship and conservatorship law. It is designed to assist those who have been appointed or are considering a guardianship or conservatorship.

Kansas: [A Guide to Kansas Laws on Guardianship and Conservatorship](#)

**Source:** Kansas Guardianship Program

**Content Type:** Handbook

The handbook is available as a PDF document. It is an introduction and explanation of the major concepts and procedure in Kansas guardianship and conservatorship law.

Kentucky: [Thinking About Guardianship?](#)

**Source:** Kentucky Protection and Advocacy

**Content Type:** Booklet

The booklet is available as a PDF document. It is a brief introduction to guardianships and provides readers with further sources to learn more information about a particular topic.

Maine: [A Guide to Understanding Adult Guardianship and Guardianship Alternatives in Maine](#)

**Source:** Maine's Department of Health and Human Services

**Content Type:** Webpage

The guide is available as a webpage. Maine provides a very helpful website that contains a guide to guardianships, a tutorial, and frequently asked questions.

Maryland: [The Guardianship Handbook: A Guide to Adult Guardianship and Guardianship Alternatives in Maryland](#)

**Source:** University of Maryland School of Law

**Content Type:** Handbook

The chapters of the handbook are available individually as PDF documents. The handbook is arranged in a question and answer format and provides information about the different types of guardianships and the guardian's responsibilities.

Massachusetts: [Handbook for Massachusetts Guardians](#)

**Source:** Massachusetts Guardianship Association

**Content Type:** Handbook

The handbook is available as a PDF document. It is intended to help new guardians understand their responsibilities. It answers the questions, "Now what?"

Michigan: [Michigan Handbook for Guardians of Adults](#)

**Source:** Bradley Geller, Michigan Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

**Content Type:** Handbook

The handbook is available as a PDF document. It contains detailed instructions written for family members and friends appointed as guardians of adults. This handbook is specific to Michigan law.

Minnesota: [Conservatorship and Guardianship in Minnesota](#)

**Source:** Minnesota Conference of Chief Judges

**Content Type:** Manual

The manual is available as a PDF document. It is a discussion of the Guardianship and Conservatorship process and what the expectations are of the court and the Guardian and Conservator.

Missouri: [A Basic Guide for Understanding Guardianship and Conservatorship in Missouri](#)

**Source:** Missouri Protection and Advocacy Services

**Content Type:** Guide

The guide is available as a PDF document. It is intended to provide a general understanding of guardianship law in Missouri.

Montana: [Montana Handbook for Guardians and Conservators](#)

**Source:** The Elderly Assistance Committee of the State Bar of Montana

**Content Type:** Handbook

The handbook is available for purchase only.

Nevada: [Handbook for Guardians](#)

**Source:** Guardianship Office, Clark County Courts, Nevada

**Content Type:** Handbook

The handbook is available as a PDF document. It is intended to inform new guardians of their responsibilities. It provides a helpful appendix of sample documents.

New Hampshire: [Guardianship of Incapacitated Person; Resources](#)

**Source:** Court Service Centers, New Hampshire Probate Court

**Content Type:** Pamphlet and Website

The pamphlet is available as a PDF document and other resources are available on the Probate Court's website. The pamphlet provides general information about guardianships. On the website there are useful checklists and links to other resources.

New Mexico: [The Handbook for Guardians and Conservators: A Practical Guide to New Mexico Law](#)

**Source:** Office of the New Mexico Attorney General

**Content Type:** Handbook

The handbook is available as a PDF. It is intended as a practical guide to the general public and to provide general information about guardianships, conservatorships, and other alternatives.

New York: [Guide to Adult Guardianship](#)

**Source:** The New York State Office of Children and Family Services

**Content Type:** Manual

The manual is available as a PDF document. It is intended to guide readers through the guardianship process.

North Carolina: [NCGA Manual – For Current and Future Guardians](#)

**Source:** North Carolina Guardianship Association

**Content Type:** Manual

The manual is available only for purchase. It is intended to be used as a reference for those involved in the guardianship process.

North Dakota: [Guardianship Handbook: A Guide for Court Appointed Guardians in North Dakota](#)

**Source:** North Dakota Department of Human Services

**Content Type:** Handbook

The handbook is available as a PDF document. It is intended to educate new guardians about their responsibilities.

Ohio: [Guardian's Handbook](#)

**Source:** Court of Common Pleas Probate Division, Montgomery County Ohio

**Content Type:** Handbook

The handbook is available as a PDF document. The goal of the handbook is to assist guardians in performing their duties. It provides general information about the guardian's duties and responsibilities.

Oklahoma: [A Handbook for Guardians of Adults with Developmental Disabilities](#)

**Source:** Oklahoma Department of Human Services

**Content Type:** Handbook

The handbook is available as a PDF document. It was developed for guardians of people with developmental disabilities, but it is an excellent source of information for all guardians.

Pennsylvania: [Pennsylvania Handbook for Guardians of Incapacitated Persons](#)

**Source:** Court of Common Pleas, Orphans' Court Division, Thirtieth Judicial District of Pennsylvania Crawford County Courthouse

**Content Type:** Handbook

The handbook is available as a PDF document. It is intended to explain the "ins and outs" of Pennsylvania law as it relate to incapacitated persons.

Utah: [A Guide to Guardian Services in Utah](#)

**Source:** Office of Public Guardian

**Content Type:** Guide

The guide is available as a PDF document. It provides information about the guardianship process, the guardian's duties and responsibilities and the rights of the ward. It also provides other sources of information.

Vermont: [Guardian's Handbook: A Guide to the Responsibilities of Guardians of Adults with Mental Disabilities](#)

**Source:** Office of Public Guardian; Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living

**Content Type:** Handbook

The handbook is available as a PDF document. It was written to help private guardians better understand their role and responsibility.

Virginia: [Fourth Edition of The Virginia Handbook for Guardians and Conservators: A Practical Guide for Court-Appointed Guardians and Conservators of Adults](#)

**Source:** Virginia Guardianship Association

**Content Type:** Handbook

The handbook is available for purchase for \$15+S&H. It is written to provide information for guardians and conservators and help enhance the quality of guardianship services.

West Virginia: [West Virginia Guardian and Conservator Handbook](#); [Training Tutorial](#)

**Source:** Appalachian Benefits Assistance Corporation

**Content Type:** Handbook

The handbook is available as a PDF document. It is intended to provide guidance to individuals who have been named as a guardian.

Wisconsin: [Understanding Guardianships: A Handbook for Guardians](#)

**Source:** State Bar of Wisconsin

**Content Type:** Handbook

The handbook is available as a PDF. It is intended to give basic information about guardianships and the guardian's duties.