

## Conservatorships and Guardianships

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Chambliss has been involved with hundreds of conservatorships and guardianships over the years, advising from all angles of the process. Our attorneys are here to help make decisions that will benefit clients now and far into the future. We work with family members advocating for a conservator to be appointed for a loved one and individuals or family members opposing the appointment of a conservator. We've also represented hospitals seeking the appointment of conservators for patients, particularly in emergency situations. When a child with a disability turns 18, we help our clients evaluate whether a conservator is needed and advise them on options that will ensure the individual is cared for while allowing for as much independence as possible.

Conservatorships are intended to protect and provide continuing care for individuals with disabilities who may be unable to make decisions and take care of themselves. Having a plan up front is always best; however, if a loved one is incapable of making financial, personal, or medical decisions, filing for a conservatorship may be the most appropriate option. Conservators, whether individuals, corporations, or state agencies, are obligated to ensure that the ward's best interest is met. Responsibilities may include making decisions about housing, health care, finances, or other needs.

Our experienced team can create and implement a plan of action for the client in all aspects of the conservatorship process — from the appointment of a conservator to advising and assisting conservators in carrying out their duties. We assist with the coordination of care for our clients, addressing the new normal of family dynamics, quality of life issues, placement concerns, resource identification, benefits advocacy, financial circumstances, and dementia consultations. Recognizing our substantial experience in this area, courts often appoint us in various roles in conservatorship cases, such as conservator, attorney ad litem, or guardian ad litem. With each case, we are dedicated to guiding our clients through these very personal and sometimes trying situations.

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