

SUPREME COURT OF NEBRASKA



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Dear Guardian and/or Conservator:

Last year, your responsibilities as guardian and/or conservator may have changed due to increased enforcement of reporting requirements. These changes were a result of the Nebraska Legislature and Nebraska Supreme Court's determination to ensure more checks and balances were in place for the protection of our vulnerable adults and juveniles. We thank you for your cooperation during this transition.

This year, in an effort to address these needs and keeping in mind the great responsibilities assumed by guardians and conservators as caregivers and fiduciaries, a few additional legislative and rule changes have been adopted, which for many will simplify your annual reporting tasks.

Among the changes you will notice:

1. Forms will now be bundled in five distinct packets (A, B, C, D, E) specific to your responsibilities as guardian or conservator. You should only receive the one special packet of reporting forms that applies to your type of guardianship or conservatorship. Those will be the forms which you are responsible to complete.

The packets are designed to simplify the reporting process for you, and to provide the information which the courts are required to collect by law. Deadlines for filings have not changed, nor has most of the information you are required to report.

2. Another step that was taken to make reporting easier is that the annual reporting forms you sign as guardian/conservator no longer need to be notarized. Additionally, the packets minimize the number of times you have to sign and provide contact information. This was one of the most requested changes and we are glad to be able to accommodate your concerns in this.
3. Each packet comes with instructions which may help you to complete the forms.

If you have questions about your responsibilities as guardian or conservator, please contact your attorney. Reporting forms and information are available on the Nebraska Supreme Court website: <http://www.supremecourt.ne.gov/guardians-and-conservatorship>.

Again, thank you for your dedication to your protected adult or juvenile, and for your continued cooperation in ensuring that their needs are protected.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janice K. Walker".

Janice K. Walker
State Court Administrator