

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DISTRICT COURT OF MINNESOTA  
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE/MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION  
4TH FLOOR COURTS TOWER  
HENNEPIN COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55487-0340  
(612) 348-3244  
FAX (612) 348-2130

**October 28, 2011**

**Effective December 1, 2011:** The Fourth Judicial District Court in Hennepin County, MN will begin requiring all proposed Guardians and /or Conservators to watch a new ***Guardianship / Conservatorship Educational Video*** before they appear at their initial hearings. The Fourth District has also been granted permission to require that proposed Guardians/Conservators file a modified version of the ***Oath and Acceptance form***, which states that they watched the video and understand the duties and responsibilities for which they seek appointment. Letters will not be issued until the proposed Guardian/Conservator has watched the video and filed the Hennepin-specific Oath and Acceptance form with the Court.

Both the video and the Oath and Acceptance form will be available on the Probate/Mental Health Court section of the Fourth District website at:

[www.mncourts.gov/district/4/?page=4501](http://www.mncourts.gov/district/4/?page=4501)

This new video was created to help educate and inform proposed Guardians/Conservators about the duties and responsibilities they are taking on. The goal is to help prepare Guardians / Conservators for their roles and to also decrease the number of successor petitions filed with the Court where the appointed Guardian / Conservator is not able to fulfill their duties and responsibilities.

For questions and inquiries, please contact:

Steve Bittick  
Court Operations Manager  
Probate/Mental Health Division  
C-414, Hennepin County Gov't Ctr  
300 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55487-0340  
P: (612) 348-4107  
F: (612) 348-2130  
[steve.bittick@courts.state.mn.us](mailto:steve.bittick@courts.state.mn.us)