



## TYPES OF GUARDIANSHIPS

**GUARDIAN** – *An individual who is appointed by the probate court to make decisions relating to the ward’s individual and/or financial affairs.*

- ◆ **CO-GUARDIAN** - One of the two guardians appointed to equally share decision making responsibilities.
- ◆ **CORPORATE** - A non-profit corporation authorized in its by-laws to serve as the guardian of mentally retarded persons.
- ◆ **LIMITED** - A guardian given only limited powers and duties, tailored to the ward’s specific needs.
- ◆ **OF THE ESTATE** (Conservator) - A guardian with powers and duties relating to the management of the ward’s property and/or financial affairs only.
- ◆ **OF THE PERSON** - Guardian appointed to make decisions relating solely to the ward’s personal affairs.
- ◆ **PERMANENT** - Guardian appointed for the life of the ward.
- ◆ **PLENARY** (Full) - Guardian’s decision making responsibilities are for all personal and financial affairs.
- ◆ **SUCCESSOR** - Guardian appointed or named to succeed a current guardian.
- ◆ **TEMPORARY** - A guardian appointed for the initial period limited to ninety days, extendable for one additional ninety day period by the probate court.
- ◆ **TESTAMENTARY** - Potential guardian named in a will to be considered by a probate court upon the death of the current guardian.

