



Nevada Guardian Services

Attorney Frequently Asked Questions

This information is provided for general guidance and does not constitute legal advice. Nevada Guardian Services collaborates with counsel to support ethical, compliant outcomes for vulnerable clients.

When should an attorney consider involving a professional guardian?

Attorneys typically consider involving a professional guardian when a client lacks capacity to manage personal, medical, or financial decisions, when family conflict or exploitation creates risk, when no appropriate family member is available to serve, or when long-term oversight and court compliance are required. Early involvement can help prevent crises, delays, and ethical challenges.

What role does a professional guardian play alongside legal counsel?

The guardian is responsible for court-authorized personal, medical, and/or financial decisions, while legal counsel continues to provide legal representation and advocacy. Nevada Guardian Services works collaboratively with attorneys and does not replace the attorney's role or provide legal advice.

How does professional guardianship help reduce risk for attorneys?

A neutral, court-appointed guardian provides structured decision-making, reduces family conflict, supports ethical compliance, and ensures ongoing court oversight.

When is limited guardianship appropriate?

Limited guardianship is appropriate when a client retains capacity in some areas but requires assistance in others. This approach supports independence while addressing specific risks and is consistent with person-centered planning and least restrictive intervention principles.

What red flags indicate the need for professional guardianship or advocacy?

Common red flags include unmanaged medical needs, financial exploitation, chronic confusion or noncompliance, unsafe living conditions, inability to access benefits, inconsistent decision-making, or high-conflict family dynamics that interfere with care or protection.

How are professional guardians compensated and supervised?

Professional guardians are compensated through court-approved fee petitions, typically paid from the protected person's estate unless otherwise ordered. Nevada Guardian Services provides detailed billing and is subject to ongoing judicial oversight and reporting requirements.

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