

PROBATE COURT OF CHATHAM COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

STANDING ORDER REQUIRING TRAINING IN CONSERVATORSHIP MATTERS

This Court has jurisdiction under Georgia law to impose guardianships and conservatorships pursuant to Title 29 of the Official Code of Georgia. In doing so, this Court must first determine whether a guardianship, conservatorship, or both, should be imposed, and also select a guardian and conservator who will serve the best interest of the ward. See OCGA § 29-4-12 (d) (6) (relating to guardians) and OCGA § 29-5-12 (d) (6) (relating to conservators).

In making the selection of conservator, this Court finds that it is appropriate to require individuals appointed to these important fiduciary roles to participate in training from the Court on the financial reports required annually. Furthermore, OCGA § 29-9-17 gives this Court the discretion to order the instruction of guardians and conservators in the fiduciary role at the time of appointment and at any time throughout the guardianship or conservatorship. Therefore, this Court requires every individual appointed to serve as conservator for a minor child or incapacitated adult to attend the Conservator Class hosted monthly by the Chief Clerk of the Probate Court or other designated staff. Individuals may attend the Conservator Class before appointment but must complete the class no later than two months following the month of appointment.


Information regarding the Conservator Class shall be provided to every person seeking appointment as a conservator, and a link to sign up for **Conservator Class** will be available on the Probate Court website:

<https://courts.chathamcountyga.gov/Probate/AdultGuardianship>

Remote attendance will be available upon request made at least seven (7) days prior to the class and only if the attendee has device and capability necessary for audio and video participation. When making an appointment for the Conservator Class, an attendee should enter into Information Required "Remote" and the email address to which an invitation and link to the class should be sent to the attendee.

This Order shall become effective October 1, 2022.

SO ORDERED, this 14th day of September, 2022.


THOMAS C. BORDEAUX, JR., JUDGE
PROBATE COURT OF CHATHAM COUNTY

Filed in Probate Court

This 14 day of September, 2022

Wendy Williamson

Chief Clerk, Probate Court, Chatham Co. GA