**Superior Court of Washington, County of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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| In the Guardianship/ Conservatorship of: Respondent | **Case No**.:**Notice of Petition for Guardian, Conservator, or Protective Arrangement for Adult****(NT)** |

**Notice of Petition for Guardian, Conservator, or Protective Arrangement for Adult**

To: The Respondent, court visitor, and all other persons who are listed in the petition:

A petition has been filed in County Superior Court by *(petitioner’s nam*e) . The petition asks the court to appoint a [ ] guardian, [ ] conservator, and/or

[ ] protective arrangement for (*respondent’s name*) .

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT –
READ CAREFULLY**

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**YOU AS THE RESPONDENT COULD LOSE ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS:**

* to marry, divorce, or enter into or end a state registered domestic partnership;
* to vote or hold an elected office;
* to make or revoke a will;
* to make financial decisions about your own money;
* to enter into a contract;
* to appoint someone to act on your behalf;
* to sue and/or be sued, other than through a guardian;
* to possess a license to drive;
* to buy, sell, own, mortgage, or lease property;
* to consent to or refuse medical treatment;
* to decide who shall provide your care and assistance;
* to make decisions regarding social aspects of your life.

**YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS UNDER THE LAW:**

1. You have the right to have a lawyer you choose at any stage of the proceedings. The court will appoint a lawyer at public expense you if you cannot afford one or if paying a lawyer would result in a significant hardship to you.
2. You have the right to demand a jury trial on the:
* issue of whether the basis exists for appointment of a guardian or conservator; and
* rights to be retained or restricted if a guardian or conservator is appointed.
1. You have the right to be present in court and testify when the hearing is held to decide whether or not you need a guardian or conservator. If a court visitor is appointed, you have the right to request the court to replace that person.
2. You have the right to ask the court to establish a protective arrangement instead of a guardianship or conservatorship.

If you have any questions about these rights or you want to exercise these rights, tell your court visitor, lawyer, or the judge.

*Petitioner signs here*

*Print name (if lawyer, also list WSBA #) Date*

The following is my contact information:

*Email:*

*Phone (Optional):* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I agree to accept legal papers for this case at the following address *(this does* ***not*** *have to be your home address):*

*Street Address or PO Box City State Zip*

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| *Note: You and the other party/ies may agree to accept legal papers by email under Civil Rule 5 and local court rules.*  |