

Guardianship and Conservatorship Program Regulations

508 RESOLUTION WITH COMPLAINT

508.1 GENERAL PROCEDURE

1. Applicability of Civil Rules. The civil rules for the superior courts of the State of Washington serve as guidance in proceedings under this title and, where indicated apply directly.

2. Hearing Officer. The Board may appoint a Hearing Officer to conduct disciplinary proceedings under Sections 508 and 509, and recommend decisions to the Board. Hearing Officers shall be selected from a registry maintained by AOC staff listing qualified applicants with guardianship, litigation and judicial decision-making experience.

508.2 COMMENCEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS

1. Complaint.
 - A. Filing. After a preliminary finding of misconduct by the Standards of Practice Committee pursuant to DR 506, a Complaint may be filed by the Board with AOC.
 - B. Service. After the Complaint is filed, AOC must serve the Complaint, with a Notice to Answer, on the respondent CPGC.
 - C. Content. The Complaint must state the respondent CPGC's acts or omissions in sufficient detail to inform the respondent of the nature of the allegations of misconduct and the sanction sought. AOC must sign the Complaint.
 - D. Prior Discipline. Prior disciplinary action against the respondent may be described in the Complaint.
 - E. Amendment of Complaint. AOC may amend a Complaint at any time to add facts or charges. AOC shall serve an Amended Complaint on the respondent as provided in DR 508.3.1(B) with a Notice to Answer. A Respondent must answer the amendments to the complaint as described in DR 508.4.
2. Joinder. The Standards of Practice Committee may, in its discretion, consolidate alleged violations relating to two or more grievances against the same respondent in one Complaint, or may consolidate alleged violations against two or more respondents in one Complaint that relate to the same grievance or grievances.