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**Conservator** means a person who is appointed by a court or will to manage the estate and finances of a protected person.

**Court Visitor** is a person who visits with the potential guardian or conservator, incapacitated person and other people and reports back to the court.

**Disability** means any mental or physical impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities of the individual including, but not limited to, self-care, manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, learning, or working, or a record of such an impairment, or being regarded as having such an impairment.

**Estate** means all property of the person, including community property of a surviving spouse subject to administration.

**Guardian** means a person appointed by the court or a will who has responsibilities of a parent over another.

**Incapacitated Person** means any person who is impaired except by minority to the extent he cannot make responsible decisions.

**Interested Person** means anyone who petitions the court and has an interest in a guardianship or conservatorship proceeding. Examples include children, spouses, creditors or someone who might be affected by the proceedings.

**Protected Person** means a minor or other person for whom a conservator is appointed or other protective order has been made. Protected person, incapacitated person and ward are often used interchangeably.

**Ward** means the person for whom a guardian or conservator is appointed.



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