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CLERK'S ALERT

Minor Guardianship (RCW 11.130): Changes to Case Schedule and New Mandatory Forms

Effective immediately, King County Superior Court announces changes to the Minor Guardianship Case Schedule and introduction of the mandatory Party Information Form and 60-Day Checklist form.

At the time of new case filing for either a Petition for Emergency Minor Guardianship or Minor Guardianship, parties are now required to file a Party Information form, pursuant to LCR 98.22. The current version of LCR 98.22 can be found on the Superior Court Local Rules website at: <https://kingcounty.gov/courts/clerk/rules/Civil.aspx>.

Minor Guardianship cases are given a case schedule with a date for the initial hearing set at 60 days from filing to be heard in the Ex Parte Department. Effective immediately, all 60-day hearings will take place on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. on the Ex Parte Guardianship calendar. A new deadline has been added to the case schedule related to the filing of the 60-day checklist 14 days prior to the 60-day hearing. Parties should file the completed checklist with the Clerk and send a copy to the court at least two weeks before the 60-day hearing.

Case schedules will now include a new attachment entitled "Minor Guardianship – What to Do Next." This attachment provides an overview of the process with links to forms, statutes, and relevant rules.

The new "Party Information Form" and "60-Day Checklist" are now available online at: <https://kingcounty.gov/courts/clerk/forms.aspx>.