



# Navigating Changes to the Adult Guardianship and Conservatorship Statutes and Rules

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**Friday, October 26, 2018 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.**  
**State Bar Center, Albuquerque**

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8 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. **An Overview of the Probate Code: Important Changes to the Practice of Adult Guardianship and Conservatorship Cases**  
*Patricia Galindo, Administrative Office of the Courts*  
 Senate Bill 19, which passed during the 2018 legislative session, made several substantial changes to the probate code that all practitioners, professional and family guardians, and conservators should be aware of. This session will highlight the probate code changes that took effect July for adult guardianship and conservatorship cases. Some topics that will be covered include open hearings, access to court records, new expanded list of individuals entitled to receive notice of the hearing, bonding requirements and limits on visitation.

9:30 a.m. **Nuts and Bolts of the New Guardianship and Conservatorship Rules and Forms**  
*Gaelle McConnell, McConnell Law Firm*  
 As a result of Senate Bill 19, the Supreme Court created an ad hoc Guardianship Rules Committee to create new rules and forms to comply with the new statutory changes. This session will cover the new court rules and forms that have been created as result of the changes to the probate code.

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. **New Legal Requirements for Filing a Petition for the Appointment of a Guardian or Conservator for an Adult**  
*Patricia Turner, Law Offices of Patricia J. Turner, P.A.*  
 Knowing and understanding the important changes to the petition process for an adult guardianship/conservatorship case is the focus of this session. What new information is required to be included petition? What new forms are required to be filed? What type of due diligence must the petitioning attorney undertake to identify the expanded list of individuals entitled to receive notice of the petition being filed and the subsequent hearing? When is it appropriate for an emergency petition to be filed and how does this process differ from the tradition petition process?

11:45 Lunch (provided at the State Bar Center)  
 Section Annual Meeting

12:30 p.m. **Mock Trial: A Sneak Peek Inside an Adult Guardianship and Conservatorship Hearing**  
*Peggy Graham, Martha Kaser, Ruth Pregonzer, Pregonzer Baysinger Wideman & Sale PC; Vicki Plevin, Johanna A. Pickel, LLC; Ronald R. Bratton, New Mexico Developmental Disabilities Planning Council*  
 With all of the legislative and rule changes that took effect July. This mock trial will allow participants to observe how these changes can affect a guardianship/conservatorship hearing. Sequestration, bonding, visitation and individuals entitled to notice (post-adjudication) will be some of the issues covered during this session.

1:45 p.m. Break

2 p.m. **Jeopardy: Testing Your Knowledge**

*Marina Cansino, Cordova Law Firm, LLC; Patricia Galindo, Administrative Office of the Courts*

Do the new legislative, rule and form changes create additional ethical considerations for attorneys, families and professionals involved in the case? What additional issues should individuals involved in a guardianship/conservatorship case be aware of?

2:45 p.m. **Ethical Considerations in Light of Legislative and Rule Changes**

*Hope Eckert, Hope Eckert Attorney at Law LLC; Feliz Rael, The Law Office of Feliz A. Rael*

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3:45 p.m. **Re-Set and Go! How to Acclimate to the Changes in Guardianship Laws, Forms and Rules**

*Patricia Galindo*

This wrap-up session is designed to provide attendees with a final opportunity to ask questions. What additional tools and resources can the Elder Law Section provide to help practitioners in the area of adult guardianship and conservatorship cases?

4:15 p.m. Adjournment