

MINOR CONSERVATORSHIPS AND PROTECTIVE ORDERS FILING INFORMATION

1. What is a conservator or protective order for a minor?

A conservator is appointed, or a protective order entered, for a minor if a court determines that (1) the minor owns money or property that requires management or protection, (2) has or may have business affairs that may be jeopardized or prevented by minority, or (3) needs money for support and education and that protection is necessary or desirable to obtain or provide money.

2. Filing the petition

A Petition for Appointment of Conservator or Protective Order is attached, along with instructions for its completion. In order to ask the court for a conservator or a protective order **you must complete this petition and file it with the court.**

3. Filing Fee

In order to file a petition for conservatorship or protective order you must pay a **\$150 filing fee** (cash, check, money order). Make checks/money-orders out to “Ingham County Probate Court.”

4. Investigation Fee and Certified Copy Fee

Once you file your petition, an **investigator** will be appointed to gather information about the request and make recommendations to the judge. ***If the court approves your petition, then, pursuant to statutory authorization (MCL 600.875), you will be assessed a \$25 fee for reimbursement of the costs of investigation.*** This fee may also be assessed if there is an additional investigation based on a request for a temporary conservator of protective order.

If you wish to receive a certified copy of the Letters of Conservatorship if and when a conservator is appointed, there is a statutorily-fixed **\$11 fee** for this copy.

5. After you file your petition

If and when you decide to petition for conservatorship or protective order, a **hearing date** will be set and there will be some other things you will need to do, including the following:

- **Serve notice of the hearing on your petition to all interested persons** (including publishing notice on any interested person whose whereabouts are unknown)
- **File a Proof of Service** indicating that you have informed all relevant people in a timely manner.

More details on this are available under “Minor Conservatorships and Protective Orders: Service Information.”