

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CHRISTIAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the Guardianship of: _____)
Alleged Disabled Person _____) Case No. _____)

SUMMONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN

TO: _____

NOTICE OF RIGHTS OF RESPONDENT

You have been named as a respondent in a guardianship petition asking that you be declared a disabled person. If the court grants the petition, a guardian will be appointed for you. A copy of the guardianship petition is attached for your convenience.

The date and time of the hearing is: _____

The place where the hearing will occur is: Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois.

If a guardian is appointed for you, the guardian may be given the right to make all important personal decisions for you, such as where you may live, what medical treatment you may receive, what places you may visit, and who may visit you. A guardian may also be given the right to control and manage your money and other property, including your home, if you own one. You may lose the right to make these decision for yourself.

You have the following rights:

- 1) You have the right to be present at the court hearing.
- 2) You have the right to be represented by a lawyer, either one that you retain, or one appointed by the Judge.
- 3) You have the right to ask for a jury of six persons to hear your case.
- 4) You have the right to present evidence to the court and to confront and cross-examine witnesses.
- 5) You have the right to ask the Judge to appoint an independent expert to examine you and give an opinion about your need for a guardian.
- 6) You have the right to ask that the court hearing be closed to the public.
- 7) You have the right to tell the court whom you prefer to have for your guardian.

You do not have to attend the court hearing if you do not want to be there. If you do not attend, the Judge may appoint a guardian if the Judge finds that a guardian would be of benefit to you. The hearing will not be postponed or canceled if you do not attend.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU ATTEND THE HEARING IF YOU DO NOT WANT A GUARDIAN OR IF YOU WANT SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE PERSON NAMED IN THE GUARDIANSHIP PETITION TO BE YOUR GUARDIA. IF YOU DO NOT WANT A GUARDIAN OR IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER PROBLEMS, YOU SHOULD CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR COME TO THE COURT AND TELL THE JUDGE.

WITNESS _____

Clerk of the Court

Deputy Clerk

Date of Service: _____, 20 ____
(To be inserted by officer on copy left with defendant or other person)

SHERIFF'S FEES

Service and Return	\$ _____
Miles	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

SHERIFF'S RETURN OF SERVICE