



**FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA COURT OF COMMON- PLEAS**

**ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION
NOTICE TO THE BAR**

THE PASSAGE BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ACT 61 IN DECEMBER 2023 AMENDED TITLE 20 OF THE PA CONSOLIDATED STATUTE TO ESTABLISH A RIGHT TO COUNSEL IN ALL GUARDIANSHIP PROCEEDINGS AMONG OTHER THINGS.

THE ACT REQUIRES MANDATORY APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL IN ALL GUARDIANSHIP MATTERS EFFECTIVE JUNE 11, 2024. YOU MAY ACCESS ACT 61 AT

<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/LI/uconsCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&yr=2023&sessInd=0&smthLwInd=0&act=0061>.

TO COMPLY, IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE COURT TO EXPAND THE LIST OF COURT APPOINTMENT COUNSEL HANDLING GUARDIANSHIP MATTERS.

AN INFORMATION SESSION VIA ZOOM WILL BE HELD ON MAY 14, 2024 AT 8:30 A.M. AND REPEATED AT 4 P.M. TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT QUALIFICATIONS, PROCEDURES, FEES, AND PROCESS. PLEASE JOIN THIS ZOOM MEETING AT:

<https://zoom.us/j/99166710775?pwd=TytKMTdhRmFUNWhXNTdJdDNmNWxZQT09>

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ALL INTERESTED COUNSEL SEEKING CONSIDERATION TO BE INCLUDED ON THE ORPHANS' COURT APPOINTMENT LIST FOR GUARDIANSHIP MATTERS SHOULD SUBMIT A COMPLETED APPLICATION. PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPLICATION AT <https://www.courts.phila.gov/pdf/orphans/Court-Appointed-Counsel-Application.pdf>.

DATE: May 1, 2024

**Honorable Sheila Woods Skipper
Administrative Judge
Orphans' Court Division
Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas
First Judicial District of Pennsylvania**