

# Houston Guardianship Attorney Whitney L. Thompson Explains that Duties Involved in a Guardianship

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Houston guardianship attorney Whitney L. Thompson (<https://www.wthompsonlaw.com/understanding-the-duties-of-guardianship/>) releases a new article explaining the duties involved in guardianship in Texas. The lawyer mentions that there may come a time in a person's life when they need to accept legal responsibility for their loved one's wellbeing. These duties may include daily care, medical care, and possibly financial decisions made on their loved one's behalf.

“Many guardians are family members who were previously caregivers, now cast into a formal legal role. At the same time, some are professional guardians appointed to circumvent well-established family conflict and disagreement problems. Becoming a guardian requires a court hearing and medical provider confirmation of the incapacity of the proposed ward,” the Houston guardianship attorney says.

The lawyer explains that in legal terms, a ward is either a minor or an incapacitated adult who is under the protection of a legal guardian. These incapacities include dementia, brain injuries, prescription drug impairment, and other severe health conditions. Sometimes, contested guardianship hearings also occur especially if an aging parent disagrees that they need a guardian.

Attorney Whitney L. Thompson adds that when a guardian is appointed, a conservator will also be appointed. The conservator's responsibilities include managing the ward's property and money. In some cases, a family member may be able to act as a guardian and conservator simultaneously.

In the article, attorney Thompson says, “A court-appointed family member guardian and conservator is assumed to act in the best interest of their family member. If there are enough funds available, a guardian can hire caregiving help, provide different therapies, or utilize adult daycare. A conservator's responsibility to manage funds in the best interest of the aging parent should dovetail with the guardian's goals, and in no way should these funds be conserved to guarantee adult children an inheritance.”

Lastly, the lawyer emphasizes the importance of having a skilled estate planning attorney when dealing with matters involving guardianship. Having an experienced estate attorney may be able to help an individual understand their rights and help them prepare for the future of their loved ones.

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Attorney Whitney Thompson is an experienced family law attorney who helps clients deal with family law matters such as divorce or legal separation. Attorney Thompson also deals with guardianship, probate, and estate planning matters. As an experienced divorce lawyer, attorney Thompson and her legal team have helped families have a smoother divorce process and plan for their future more thoroughly. To schedule a consultation, call (281) 214-0173.

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