



# Houston Guardianship Attorney Whitney L. Thompson Explains How to Obtain Guardianship for an Adult Child in Texas

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Houston guardianship attorney Whitney L. Thompson (<https://www.wthompsonlaw.com/obtaining-guardianship-of-an-adult-child-in-texas/>) releases a new article explaining how to obtain guardianship for an adult child in Texas. The lawyer mentions that obtaining guardianship of an adult child in Texas can be a complex process, but it is often necessary for the well-being and protection of the adult child.

According to the Houston guardianship attorney, "Guardianship is a legal proceeding in which the court gives a responsible party full or partial decision making-power for an adult to make decisions on behalf of an incapacitated person."

In Texas, an adult is defined as anyone aged 18 or older. Once an individual reaches this age, they are considered to have the legal capacity and are able to make their own decisions. However, there may be

situations where an adult is unable to make decisions for themselves due to a disability, illness, or injury. In these cases, it may be necessary for someone else to step in and make decisions on their behalf.

There are two types of guardianship in Texas: guardianship of the person and guardianship of the estate. Guardianship of the person involves making decisions about the adult child's medical care, living arrangements, and other personal matters. Guardianship of the estate involves managing the adult child's financial affairs, including paying bills, collecting income, and making investments.

The court will consider several factors when determining whether to grant guardianship, including the adult child's wishes, the proposed guardian's qualifications, and the availability of alternative solutions. If the court grants guardianship, it will issue an order appointing the proposed guardian as the legal guardian of the adult child.

Once appointed, the guardian is responsible for making decisions on behalf of the adult child and acting in their best interests. This may include making decisions about medical treatment, living arrangements, and other personal matters. The guardian is also responsible for managing the adult child's financial affairs and ensuring that their financial needs are met.

It is important to note that guardianship is not a permanent arrangement. The court can review the guardianship at any time and may terminate it if it determines that it is no longer necessary. The adult child may also petition the court to have the guardianship terminated if they feel that it is no longer in their best interests.

Lastly, the lawyer emphasizes the importance of having a skilled estate planning attorney when dealing with matters involving guardianship and estate planning. 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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