

TITLE 9. FAMILY LAW

Chapter 9.3

GUARDIANSHIP

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9.3.1. Jurisdiction. The Court shall have the jurisdiction to appoint and remove legal guardians for adult persons who are incapable of managing their own affairs. (Prior code Ch. V, Art. IV, §1 (part): amended by Res. 90-111 (part), passed Oct. 24, 1990)

9.3.2. Procedures. All proceedings under this chapter shall be in accordance with the procedures for civil actions of the Suquamish Tribal Code and with the Rules of Civil Procedure. (Prior code Ch. V, Art. IV §1(a): amended by Res. 90-111 (part), passed Oct. 24, 1990)

9.3.3. Scope of Guardian's Power. (a) The Court may appoint guardians over the property as well as over the person of a person determined by the Court as being incapable of managing his or her own affairs.

(b) No guardian may dispose of any of the ward's property without the approval of the Court in advance. (Prior code Ch. V, Art. IV, §1(b), (e): amended by Res. 90-111 (part), passed Oct. 24, 1990)

9.3.4. Report of Social Worker. The Court shall require a report on the parties involved from a social worker of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the State of Washington, or other persons designated by the Court. (Prior code Ch. V, Art. IV, §1(c): amended by Res. 90-111 (part), passed Oct. 24, 1990)

9.3.5. Reports of Guardian. Any guardian appointed under this chapter shall advise the Court by written report at least once a year or upon request of the Court about the actions of the guardian on behalf of the ward or of his estate. (Prior code Ch. V, Art. IV, §1(d): amended by Res. 90-111 (part), passed Oct. 24, 1990)

9.3.6. Termination. (a) Any guardianship over the person of a minor shall automatically terminate when the ward becomes the age of eighteen (18) or, if a female, marries while under the age of eighteen (18).

(b) Any guardianship under this chapter shall terminate upon application of the guardian or the ward for termination to the Suquamish Tribal Court and the approval of the Court. (Prior code Ch. V, Art. IV, §1(f), (g): amended by Res. 90-111 (part), passed Oct. 24, 1990)

9.3.7. Special Guardian. A special guardian may be appointed for the special purpose of signing deeds, contracts, or other documents on behalf of a minor or a person who is incapable of managing his or her own affairs. The document, to be valid, must be approved by the Court and also by the Secretary of the Interior if it involves trust or restricted property or funds. Fees shall be charged to the estate at the amount determined by the Court. (Prior code Ch. V, Art. IV, §1(h): amended by Res. 90-111 (part), passed Oct. 24, 1990)