

<b>PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF MINOR</b>	Docket No. _____	<b>Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court</b>
<b>In the Interests of:</b>  _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"> <span>First Name</span> <span>Middle Name</span> <span>Last Name</span> </div> <b>Minor</b>		_____ <div style="text-align: right;">Division</div>

**1. Information about the Minor:**

\_\_\_\_\_  

First Name
M.I.
Last Name
Current age
Date of Birth

  

(Address)
(Apt, Unit, No. etc.)
(City/Town)
(State)
(Zip)

 County of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. The Petitioner is:**

☐ a person or persons interested in the welfare of the Minor.      **or**      ☐ the Minor

**3. Information about the Petitioner(s):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  

First Name
M.I.
Last Name

  

(Address)
(Apt, Unit, No. etc.)
(City/Town)
(State)
(Zip)

 Primary Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Minor: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  

First Name
M.I.
Last Name

  

(Address)
(Apt, Unit, No. etc.)
(City/Town)
(State)
(Zip)

 Primary Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Information about the Biological Mother/parent one and Father/parent two:**

\_\_\_\_\_  

Mother's/Parent One Name
M.I.
Last Name

  

(Address)
(Apt, Unit, No. etc.)
(City/Town)
(State)
(Zip)

  

☐ Deceased

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  

Father's/Parent Two Name
M.I.
Last Name

  

(Address)
(Apt, Unit, No. etc.)
(City/Town)
(State)
(Zip)

  

☐ Deceased

**5. Is there a nomination of a guardian by will or other writing signed by a parent or guardian?**      ☐ Yes      ☐ No

If **Yes**, attach copy of document.

**6. Venue for this proceeding is proper in this county/Division of the Probate and Family Court because**

- ☐ the minor resides in the county/Division.  
☐ the guardian was nominated in a will which was or could be probated in this county/Division.

**7. The best interests of the Minor will be served by appointment of a guardian for the Minor.**

8. **The minor is unmarried and**

- ☐ parent(s) consent to the appointment of a guardian. **Attach Notarized Consent of Parent(s).**
- ☐ all parental rights have been terminated by
- ☐ prior court order. **Attach a copy of the court order to this Petition.**
- ☐ a signed voluntary surrender. **Attach a copy of the surrender to this Petition.**
- ☐ death. If available, **attach a copy of the death certificate to this Petition.**
- ☐ Parent or parents are unavailable to exercise their parental rights because: (Briefly explain)
- ☐ Parent or parents are unfit to exercise their parental rights because: (Briefly explain)
- ☐ Guardianship has previously been granted to a third party who has died or become incapacitated, and the guardian has not appointed a successor guardian by will or written instrument. **Describe and attach order or any relevant documents.**

9. ☐ Petitioner is requesting to be appointed as Guardian and is not currently being investigated nor does he/she have charges pending for assault resulting in bodily injury to the minor. Petitioner is not being investigated and does not have charges pending for neglect of the minor.

10. ☐ I request that sureties required on the bond be waived by the court.

11. Petitioner is requesting the following person be appointed as Guardian:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name M.I. Last Name  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address) (Apt, Unit, No. etc.) (City/Town) (State) (Zip)

Primary Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ He/She has priority for appointment as guardian pursuant to G.L.c. 190B, § 5-207 because the proposed Guardian is nominated by the Minor and the Minor is 14 years of age or older. **Attach Nomination of Minor.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name M.I. Last Name  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address) (Apt, Unit, No. etc.) (City/Town) (State) (Zip)

Primary Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ He/She has priority for appointment as guardian pursuant to G.L.c. 190B, § 5-207 because the proposed Guardian is nominated by the Minor and the Minor is 14 years of age or older. **Attach Nomination of Minor.**

12. **Who, other than you, had primary care and custody of the Minor during the 60 days prior to filing this Petition?**

**(G.L. c. 190B, §5-206):** ☐ No one or ☐ Person listed below



The Petitioner shall provide notice to the parents, Minor if 14 years of age or older, and persons listed in paragraphs 11-13 of the time and place for a hearing on this Petition in accordance with Probate and Family Court Standing Order 4-09. Notice requirements may be different if an emergency guardianship is sought.

The Petitioner/Co-Petitioners is/are interested in the welfare and best interests of the Minor and request/s that an appointment of a guardian be made after notice and hearing.

In addition, I/We request that the Court:

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### SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY

I affirm or swear under oath that I have read the foregoing petition and that the statements set forth therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Co-Petitioner (if applicable)

Attorney for Petitioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Apt, Unit, No. etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City/Town)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(State)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Zip)

Primary Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

BBO No.: \_\_\_\_\_