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| File an Application for an Appointed Attorney |

Congratulations {{ users }}! You have finished all the forms you need to file an Application for Appointment of Counsel. The rest of the pages in this packet are the documents you will file with the court.

## Next steps

1. Look over the forms one more time. Make sure everything is correct.
2. **Keep a copy for yourself.**
3. File this notice with the {{ trial\_court }} now.
4. Go to the court hearing, if necessary.
5. Wait for a decision.

## To file your application

1. Look over the forms one more time. Make sure everything is correct.
2. Call the {{ trial\_court }} at {{ showifdef('trial\_court.phone\_number') }} to find out how they want you to send your forms to them, such as mailing or bringing the documents to the courthouse.
3. {%p if defined('trial\_court.address.address') %} The address of your court, if you need it, is:   
   {{ trial\_court.address.on\_one\_line() }}.
4. {%p endif %}

## What happens next?

The judge probably won’t see your application right away. The court will mail you a decision later. Their decision could be:

* + - 1. Granted, meaning that the court will appoint you a lawyer.
      2. Denied, meaning that the court will not appoint you a lawyer.
      3. Granted with some conditions. For example, the court may order that you have pay some of the lawyer’s cost.
      4. Deferred with conditions. For example, the court may ask you to provide a copy of your petition to the other parties and have a hearing with everyone to decide whether or not to appoint you a lawyer.

## Learn more

Learn more about child guardianship at [**https://www.masslegalhelp.org/children-families-divorce/guardians-other-caregivers/guardianship-minor-overview**](https://www.masslegalhelp.org/children-families-divorce/guardians-other-caregivers/guardianship-minor-overview) or follow the QR Code below.

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