

NOTICE REGARDING GUARDIANSHIP PLANS (Special Proceedings Cases)

The Honorable Elyze M. Iriarte, who presides over Family Court I and adult guardianship cases assigned to that docket, now requires all petitioners seeking Letters of Guardianship to submit a Guardianship Plan.

The Guardianship Plan is available at:

<u>http://www.guamcourts.org/Forms/Judiciary-of-Guam-Forms.html</u> and at the Superior Court of Guam Clerk's Office. The Guardianship Plan must be submitted at or before the hearing on the Petition.

This requirement of a guardianship plan brings Guam's adult guardianship cases into compliance with the National Probate Court Standards. The plan is intended to educate proposed guardians and the Court on the conditions of the proposed wards and to help the parties determine if there are less restrictive alternatives to guardianship.

Judge Iriarte is reviewing existing guardianship cases to determine which cases must also submit guardianship plans. A separate Guardianship Plan form for existing guardianships can be found here:

<u>http://www.guamcourts.org/Forms/Judiciary-of-Guam-Forms.html</u> and at the Superior Court of Guam Clerk's office. A notice will be sent in each existing case regarding whether or not a plan should be filed in that case.