

BILL OF RIGHTS FOR WARDS AND PROTECTED PERSONS

The ward/protected person retains all rights not restricted by court order or specifically granted to the guardian/conservator. These include but are not limited to:

1. The right to treatment with dignity and respect.
2. The right to protection from harm.
3. The right to exercise control of aspects of life not delegated specifically by court order to the guardian/conservator. The guardian/conservator shall not exceed the bounds of court-granted authority.
4. The right to guardianship/conservatorship services suited to the ward/protected person's conditions and needs.
5. The right to privacy: bodily privacy, right to unimpeded, private, and uncensored communication, and the right to visit with persons of the ward/protected person's choice.
6. The right to procreate.
7. The right to receive health care and medical treatment.
8. The right to vote.
9. The right to make a will. NOTE: Depending on the level of incapacity, the ward or protected person may not retain this right.
10. The right to have current and previously stated personal desires, medical treatment statements, religious beliefs, preferences, and opinions given due consideration in decisions made by the guardian or conservator.
11. The right to petition the court for termination or modification of the guardianship/conservatorship.
12. The right to be represented by an attorney at any time. NOTE: The guardian, the conservator or the court may need to authorize the retention of legal counsel by the ward/protected person
13. The right to marry. NOTE: Court approval may be required, depending on the situation.