

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR INDIAN RIVER, MARTIN, OKEECHOBEE, AND ST. LUCIE COUNTIES
STATE OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2019-09

IN RE: APPROVED COURSES OF INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING FOR NON-PROFESSIONAL GUARDIANS APPOINTED BY THE COURT

WHEREAS section 744.3145, Florida Statutes, requires that each person appointed by the court to be guardian, other than a parent who is the guardian of the property of a minor child, must receive a minimum of eight hours of instruction and training in the following areas:

1. The legal duties and responsibilities of the guardian;
2. The rights of the ward;
3. The availability of local resources to aid the ward;
4. The preparation of habilitation plans and annual guardianship reports, including financial accounting for the ward's property; and

Each person appointed by the court to be the guardian of the property of his or her minor child must receive a minimum of four hours of instruction and training that covers:

1. The legal duties and responsibilities of the guardian of the property;
2. The preparation of the initial inventory and annual guardianship accountings for the ward's property; and
3. Use of guardianship assets;

WHEREAS such instruction and education must be completed through a course approved by the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court and taught by a Court-approved organization;

The court finds that the following educational courses meets the instruction and training requirements for non-professional guardians:

Guardianship Training and Support Services

- 8-hour on-line guardianship training for guardians of adults
- 4-hour on-line guardianship training for guardians of minors

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It is therefore

ORDERED that the above courses are approved in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit as meeting the non-professional guardian instruction and training requirements of section 744.3145, Florida Statutes.

This Administrative Order shall not be construed so as to prohibit other qualified individuals or organizations from applying for and receiving approval in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit to offer and teach similar guardianship courses, provided the instruction and training satisfies the requirements for approval under section 744.3145, Florida Statutes.

This Administrative Order is effective October 8, 2019.

DONE AND ORDERED at Stuart in Martin County, Florida this 8th day of October, 2019.



LAWRENCE MIRMAN, CHIEF JUDGE

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