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**COURT INSTRUCTIONS TO THE GUARDIAN OF THE PERSON ONLY - ADULT OR MINOR**

**Compliance Hearings**

**Check the Smith County Judicial Records website for your date and time.**

<https://odyssey.smith-county.com/PublicAccess/default.aspx>

Compliance hearings are automatically set by the Court on all cases. You will not receive any notices. If all required documents are filed before the hearing dates, the matter will be removed from the docket. However, if you have not filed the required documents, you must appear at the compliance hearing to explain why you have not done so.

As the duly appointed Guardian of this person, you are hereby advised by the Court that you must do the following:

- 1) File your oath and bond within 20 days;
- 2) File your sworn annual report every year on the anniversary date of qualification. (Failure to file your annual report could result in removal and a fine of up to \$1,000.00.)
- 3) The annual report **must** include the following: *Current form is located at:* <https://www.smith-county.com/government/elected-officials/county-courts-at-law-judges/county-court-at-law-3/form-download-center>
  - a. An accounting of any money you may receive and/or expend for the support and maintenance of the ward, his/her education when necessary, and support and maintenance of the ward's dependents, when authorized by order of the Court;
  - b. Facts concerning each ward's physical welfare, his/her well-being, and his/her progress in education, as required by §1163.101 Texas Estates Code;
  - c. The date you provided a copy of the Bill of Rights for Wards during the current reporting period, as required by §1151.351 Texas Estates Code;
- 4) Obtain a written order of this Court authorizing any expenditures of Guardianship funds before any such expenditures are made;
- 5) File your Final Report when the Guardianship is ready to be closed due to the death of the ward or the ward's reaching 18 years of age. This should be prepared by your attorney;
- 6) Cooperate with the Probate Court Investigator to schedule the annual in-person visit with the Ward; and
- 7) Consult with your attorney on any matter regarding this Guardianship that you may not understand.

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Clay White, Judge  
County Court at Law No. 3, Smith County, Texas

*I, Guardian of this person, hereby attest that I have read the above and understand its contents.*

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Guardian

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Attorney

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Date