



Quick Resource Guides: Guardianship of a Minor

How to:

- **How to Become a Guardian:** <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/guardianship/process>
Overview of the steps involved to become a child's legal guardian, including links to forms.
- **Duties of a Guardian:** <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/guardianship/duties>
Summary of the rights and responsibilities of a guardian of the person and a guardian of the estate.

Forms

- **Start a Guardianship Case:** <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/guardianship/start-case>
Forms needed to petition for guardianship, become a temporary guardian, or end a guardianship.
- **Alameda County Guardianship Packet Questionnaire:**
<https://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/system/files/forms-and-filings/guardianship-confidential-questionnaire.pdf>
- **Interactive Form Builder - Petition for Appointment of Guardian:**
<https://lawhelpinteractive.org/Interview/GenerateInterview/5057/engine>

Library Books

- *The Guardianship Book for California: How to Become a Child's Legal Guardian.*
KFC134 .B76 2011, shelf 108B. Also available as an eBook through Nolo Press (Ebsco)
- *California Guardianship Practice.*
KFC134 .C35, shelf 109B. Also available as an eBook through CEB OnLaw.

Videos

From the Sacramento County Law Library:

Applying for Guardianship Part 1: <https://saclaw.org/video-library/applying-for-guardianship-part-1-screencast/>

Applying for Guardianship Part 2: <https://saclaw.org/video-library/applying-for-guardianship-step-2/>

These videos walk the viewer through the steps to apply for guardianship of a minor.

Free Legal Help

Alameda County Court Self-Help Center

<https://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/self-help>

Contact the SHC via phone or chat to ask a questions, make an appointment, or register for a workshop. The Self-Help Center does not take walk-in patrons, but you may make an appointment to talk to someone in person.

LiveChat - Monday-Thursday, 9AM-12PM

- Access via “Need Help” chat widget: <https://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/self-help>
- Login early. They may stop taking chats before the stated hours once reaching capacity.

Phones

- Call: (510) 272-1393, Mon-Thurs, 2PM-4PM
- Voicemails can only be left during phone hours; Messages are returned within 5 business days.

Workshops

Guardianship of the Minor Workshops offered bimonthly.

Flyer: https://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/system/files/forms-and-filings/limited-conservatorship-and-guardianship-flyer_04232024_0.pdf

All for the Family Legal Clinic, Inc.

<https://allforthefamilylegalclinic.org/>

3137 Castro Valley Blvd, #210, Castro Valley, CA, 94546 (510)-999-7732

Providing equal access to justice for low-income and modest-means litigants in the Bay Area.

Community Legal Assistance Saturday Program (CLASP)

<https://lawlibrary.acgov.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Virtual-CLASP-Flyer.pdf>

Free all-topics telephone legal clinic on the first Saturday/month. Volunteer attorneys speak with individuals for 15-20 minutes.

To make an appointment, call the intake line at (510) 485-9933 between 10:00 am - noon on the first Saturday/month and an attorney will call you back later that day.

Legal Assistance for Seniors: <https://www.lashicap.org/programs/legal/#guardianship>

333 Hegenberger Rd #850, Oakland, CA (510) 832-3040

Assists seniors with guardianship of the minor.

Hire an Attorney

BALI- Bay Area Legal Incubator

125 12th St. Oakland, CA Mezzanine Level

Affordable legal services. Some attorneys offer sliding scale fees. In-take form available on website, and you can also read the profiles and get contact information for the BALI attorneys.

<https://www.bayarealegalincubator.org/>

ACBA Lawyer Referral Service- (510) 302-2222 x4

\$40.00 for attorney referral and 30-minute consultation. Attorneys charge \$200 – 400/hour for services.

Can also self-book consultations online: <https://www.acbanet.org/need-a-lawyer/>

California State Bar

The [California State Bar](#) lists basic information about all attorneys registered to practice law in the state of California. In addition, the site also provides an [attorney referral service](#) for the public to find qualified attorneys in their county. <https://www.calbar.ca.gov/Public>