

PC-2.6

**Appointment of Guardian ad Litem
or Next Friend**

formerly SW-39

R.I.G.L. 33-22-17



Helpful Hint: Consider having the Guardian ad Litem serve notice on ward while interviewing the ward.

This form, initiated at the request of an interested party, appoints a competent and disinterested person to act as Guardian ad Litem, or next friend. A Guardian ad Litem's responsibility is to protect the interests of the ward.

A Guardian ad Litem:

- Accepts and signs appointment and forwards acceptance and report to the court.
- Protects the interests of a person unborn, unascertained, or legally incompetent.
- Protects the interests of the Ward until a Guardian is appointed.
- Reports to the Court if the guardianship of the Ward is in the best interests of the Ward by completing **Form PC-2.7, Report of Guardian ad Litem.**

The Probate Clerk:

- Completes forms and forwards forms to the Attorney of Record for the Guardian ad Litem.

✓ **As soon as a Guardian is appointed and qualified, the Guardian ad Litem's duties are ended.**



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
County of _____

Estate of _____

PROBATE COURT OF THE

No. _____

Date _____

APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM OR NEXT FRIEND

In the matter of the appointment of guardian for the above named Ward it appears that:

Name of Ward _____

No. _____

Street _____

City/Town _____

State _____

ZIP _____

is: (Check one) a minor an adult

legally incompetent to act, interested in said case and has no legal guardian, therefore:

Name _____

No. _____

Street _____

City/Town _____

State _____

ZIP _____

is appointed to act as GUARDIAN AD LITEM or NEXT FRIEND for such person to represent his/her interest in said case.

By the Court _____
Signature of Probate Clerk

I hereby accept the above appointment. _____
Signature of Guardian ad Litem

Personally appeared _____ and made oath to
Name of Guardian ad Litem

faithfully and impartially perform the duties of the foregoing appointment.

Sc. _____

Date _____

Signature of Notary Public _____

Report of Guardian Ad Litem is Attached