

PROBATE COURT OF PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO

JUDGE PATRICIA J. SMITH

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF _____

CASE NO. _____

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE WARD OF APPLICATION AND HEARING

To _____

Address _____

An application for appointment of _____ as

(limited) guardian for your (person and estate) has been filed with the Probate Court.

A hearing on that application will be held on _____ at _____ o'clock
_____ M. at the Probate Court, 203 West Main Street, Ravenna, OH 44266. At that hearing, Applicant must prove by clear and convincing evidence that, because of mental impairment, you are unable to handle your own affairs.

1. **You have the right to be present at the hearing to contest the application, and to be represented by an attorney of your choice;**
2. **The right to have a friend or family member of your choice present at the hearing;**
3. **The right to have evidence of an independent expert evaluation introduced at the hearing;**
4. **If you are indigent, upon your request, an attorney and an independent expert evaluator will be appointed at court expense;**
5. **If you are indigent, and you appeal the guardianship decision, you have the right to have an attorney appointed and necessary transcripts prepared at court expense.**

Witness my signature and the seal of the Court,

this _____ day of _____, 20____

(Seal)

Probate Judge

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

RETURN

_____ County, Ohio

_____, 20____

Received this notice on the _____ day of _____, 20____, and on the _____ day of _____, 20____, I served the same by delivering a true copy thereof personally to _____.

I communicated with him/her in a language or method of communication understandable to the alleged incompetent.

Investigator