

Rule 303. Parties and petition for permission to participate.

(a) Parties.

Parties to the proceeding shall include the subject of the proceeding, any guardian or conservator, the person filing a petition to initiate an intervention proceeding and a creditor filing a petition to determine a claim.

(b) Petition for permission to participate.

Any person other than a party who wishes to participate in a proceeding pursuant to *D.C. Code §§ 21-2041(i)* or *21-2054(f)*, shall file and serve on all parties a petition (Form I-A) and a proposed order (Form I-B) for permission to participate no later than 5 days prior to any hearing. For good cause shown the Court may consider a petition for permission to participate filed after the foregoing deadline. A petition for permission to participate shall contain a statement as to how the best interests of the subject of the proceeding will be served by the person's participation.

(c) Designation of party status.

At the initial hearing or any time thereafter the Court may confer the status of party on any participant it deems appropriate.

(d) Rights of parties.

A party shall have the rights conferred by *D.C. Code § 21-2031(e)* and the rules of the Civil Division of this Court to the extent applicable in the Probate Division.

(e) Termination of party status.

A person, other than the subject of the proceeding, who files a petition to initiate an intervention proceeding, shall cease to be a party upon the appointment of a conservator or guardian or upon entry of a protective order or the dismissal of the petition, except for fee petitions related to the hearing, unless the petitioner requests the Court for continuation of party status. A creditor shall cease to be a party upon final disposition of the claim.

(f) Continuation of party status.

The Court, in the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order entered pursuant to *D.C. Code §§ 21-2044, 2055* or *2056*, shall specify those persons who shall thereafter continue as parties and those persons who shall thereafter continue as participants.