

Rule 327. Visitor, duties and appointment.

(a) Appointment.

The Court may appoint an individual or an organization as visitor; however, when an organization is appointed the organization shall designate an individual to perform the duties of the office of visitor.

(b) Duties.

Any visitor appointed shall:

(1) Interview the subject of the proceeding; the petitioner; any person nominated by the petitioner to serve as guardian or conservator; and such other persons as the visitor deems appropriate;

(2) Visit the present place of abode of the subject of the proceeding and the place it is proposed that the individual will reside if the appointment is made;

(3) Investigate whether a conflict or potential conflict should preclude the appointment of a person who has been nominated as a guardian or conservator;

(4) Submit a written report in accordance with Form II-G to the Court and mail copies to all persons listed on the order appointing the visitor no later than 10 days before the hearing. The visitor shall nominate a person for appointment as guardian or conservator in the report if no person has been nominated; and

(5) Attend the hearing unless excused by the Court.

(c) Termination of appointment.

The appointment of a visitor shall terminate upon disposition of the matter unless otherwise directed by the Court.