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### Title

#### Probate Conservatorship and Guardianship: Appointment of Counsel (Action Required)

#### Summary

The Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee recommends approving two Judicial Council forms for optional use for applying for and ordering appointment of counsel for a ward or a proposed ward; a conservatee or a proposed conservatee, including a limited conservatee; or a person alleged to lack legal capacity in a proceeding under division 4 (beginning with section 1400) of the Probate Code, which includes the Guardianship-Conservatorship Law. The forms are needed to facilitate appointment of counsel for the specified persons as early in the proceedings as possible.

#### Recommendation

The Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective January 1, 2019, approve:

1. Form GC-005, *Application for Appointment of Counsel*, to offer parties and interested persons an opportunity to request appointment of counsel under section 1470 or 1471 of the Probate Code; and
2. Form GC-006, *Order Appointing Legal Counsel*, to offer the courts an efficient method for appointing counsel under section 1470 or 1471 and to include an advisement about the responsibility to pay for the costs of appointed counsel.