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Rules and Forms | Guardianship Objection (Action Required)

Summary

The Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee recommends approving one form for optional use by parents, relatives, and other interested persons to object to a petition to appoint a probate guardian for a minor child. In guardianship proceedings, most parties and interested persons are self-represented. The petitions, forms GC-210 and GC-210(P), provide a framework for petitioners to specify their requests and allegations in appropriate categories. There is currently no Judicial Council form for objecting to a guardianship petition. Courts and self-help centers have indicated that the lack of a simple, standard form places objectors at a disadvantage and often leaves courts unable to discern the bases for objections. The proposed form is intended to address these concerns.

Recommendation

The Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective January 1, 2023, approve *Objection to Petition for Appointment of Guardian* (form GC-215) for optional use to file or structure an objection to a petition for appointment of a guardian in probate court.