#### PETITION FOR LETTERS OF CONSERVATORSHIP OF MINOR

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

### I. Specific Instructions

1. When to use this form: When a child is entitled to proceeds or any other property from whatever source.

#### 2. Who should file this form:

- a. A natural guardian when the net settlement amount is more than \$15,000.00. However, a natural guardian may file a conservatorship petition when the proceeds are \$15,000.00 or less, if deemed necessary by the parties and/or Court. The term "gross settlement" is defined by O.C.G.A. § 29-3-3.
- b. Anyone else when the natural guardian is unable or unwilling to be appointed as conservator.
- 3. This form may be used in conjunction with a Petition to Compromise Doubtful Claim of Minor/Adult Ward when petitioning the Probate Court for authorization to compromise a doubtful personal injury claim of a minor pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 29-3-3.
- 4. The full particulars as to the facts that give rise to the Minor's entitlement to the assets should be listed specifically in the Petition.
- 5. According to Uniform Probate Court Rule 5.6 (A), unless the Court specifically assumes the responsibility, it is the responsibility of the moving party to prepare the proper citation and deliver it properly so it can be served according to law. All pages after the Notice regarding Uniform Probate Court Rule 5.6 (A) are to be completed by the moving party unless otherwise directed by the Court.
- 6. An oath must be administered by a Probate Judge or Clerk [the oath cannot be administered by a notary]. Use Georgia Probate Court Standard Form 35 for the oath. The oath is not included in this form. Georgia Probate Court Standard Form 53, Commission to Administer Oath, can be used if the oath is to be administered by a court outside the State of Georgia.
- 7. O.C.G.A. § 53-11-2 provides that a party to a probate proceeding who is not sui juris must be represented by a guardian provided that the Court may appoint a guardian ad litem or determine that the natural guardian, guardian, conservator or testamentary guardian has no conflict and may serve. Should a guardian ad litem be necessary because a party is not sui juris, use Supplement 1. A guardian ad litem must be appointed if additional powers are being sought pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 29-3-22 (b) and/or (c).
- 8. Use Supplement 2 if the Court determines it is appropriate to appoint a special process server.
- 9. Use Supplement 3 when an additional certificate of service is necessary.

- 10. The Court may require the Petitioner(s) to submit additional information.
- 11. Exhibits should be labeled at the bottom of each exhibit as Exhibit "A," Exhibit "B," etc. in consecutive order. The corresponding letter of each said exhibit should be inserted into the appropriate place in the form.
- 12. The Petition must list all the assets of the Minor regardless of the source of such assets.
- 13. When a structured settlement is to be purchased for the Minor, the terms of who is responsible for funding the annuity and terms of time limits for the purchase and/or funding should be included in the Final Order. The Petitioner(s) may file for discharge as conservator(s) when the conservatorship is completed.

### II. General Instructions

General instructions applicable to all Georgia Probate Court Standard Forms are available in each Probate Court, labeled GPCSF 1.

IN RE: ESTATE OF	)			
MINOR,	) ESTA	ESTATE NO.		
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF CO	NSERVATOR	RSHIP OF MIN	NOR	
1.				
The Petition of	rst Middle	?	Last ,	
who is/are domiciled in			llowing address,	
Street City	County	State	Zip Code	
[Full name of Minor] First  age, whose date of birth is	Middle			
number is and who is	Tound at:	[Full Address]		
Street  City  2.  Is the Minor a citizen of a foreign country?  [Circle One] (Yes) (No)	County	State	Zip Code	
If you answer "Yes," list name of country: [If a guardianship or conservatorship is grante Probate Court must notify the Consul.]		The Vienna	Convention, the	
Said Minor is entitled to receive po	ersonal or re	eal property,	by reason of:	

A complete list of the action, claim, or property of the Minor must be provided including the person or company that currently holds the claim or property. Attach supporting documentation to show the details of the property or claim as Exhibit "\_\_\_\_."

4.

Petitioner(s) move(s) the Court to appoint: [provide full name and address below]

[Full name(s) of Proposed Conservator(s)] Fire		r(s)] First	Mic	ddle	Last
[Full address]	Street	City	County	State	Zip Code
as conservator(s)	, who is/are rela	ated to the Min	or as follows _		
any form or fashi	_		5. ave any financia	al interest in th	ne Minor's estate in
If you an. any other type of				g., joint owne	rship of property of
Appointment bei Court pursuant to	ng issued by th	ne Court throu 0-3-41?	-	-	or to the Letters of a amount set by the
If you ans	swer "No," expl	lain:			

Is there a notarized witnessed document made by the parent of the Minor that deals with conservatorships of the Minor?

[Circle One] (Yes) (No)

If you answer "Yes," list the Nominated Conservator [provide full name and address] and attach the document that nominates or expresses a preference for the conservator as Exhibit "\_\_\_\_:"

[Full name]	First	Middle	Last		rt
[Full address]	Street	City	County	State	Zip Code
Telephone no	umber(s)				

8.

In addition to the Petitioner(s) and the Nominated Conservator(s), the names and addresses of the following relatives of the Minor whose whereabouts are known: any parent of the Minor whose rights have not been terminated; if none, the adult siblings of the Minor, provided, however, that not more than three siblings be listed; if there are no adult siblings of the Minor, the grandparents of the Minor, provided, however, that not more than three grandparents need be listed; or if there are no grandparents of the Minor, any three of the nearest adult relatives of the Minor determined according to O.C.G.A. § 53-2-1.

[Full name]	First		Middle		Last
[Full address]	Street	City	County	State	Zip Code
Telephone number:		Relation:			
[Full name]	First		Middle		Last
[Full address]	Street	City	County	State	Zip Code
Telephone number:	:		Relation:		
[Full name]	First		Middle		Last
[Full address]	Street	City	County	State	Zip Code
Telephone number:	:		Relation:		

- Has a Petition to Compromise Doubtful Claim been filed? a. [Circle One] (Yes) (No)
- Will a Petition to Compromise Doubtful Claim be filed? b. [Circle One] (Yes) (No)

If you answer "Yes" to a. and/or b., provide the following below and attach a copy of the Petition and Final Order as Exhibit "\_\_\_\_." [It is not necessary to attach a copy of the compromised claim if it is filed in the same Court]:

[Full name of Petitioner]	Firs	rt			Mid	dle		L	ast		
[Full address]	Street	C	City			Cor	unty	State	Zi	p Code	
Filed on	,	20	• in					_ County,	in th	e State	e of
			If	not	yet	filed,	it is	expected	to be	e filed	on
	, 20_										
Has a guardian [Circle One] If you answe Guardian, type of gu Final Order and Lette	(Yes) (No) r "Yes," e. ardian (per	xplain l manent,	temp	orar	y, <i>01</i>	· testar					
[Full name of Guardian]	First				Mid	dle		L	ast		
[Full address] Street	City	,	C	ounty		Sta	te		Zip (	Code	
Filed on		, 2	0	_, in				Cour	ity, in	the Stat	e of
	If not yet	filed, it	is ex	pecte	ed to	be file	d on _			, 20	<b>_</b> ·

- Has the Minor received any other assets other than shown in Paragraph 3? a. [Circle One] (Yes) (No)
- Does the Minor have income or any other sources of funds? b. [Circle One] (Yes) (No)
- Does the Minor have any liabilities or expenses? c. [Circle One] (Yes) (No)

11.

[Circle One] (Yes) (No)
If you answer "Yes" to a., b., c., and/or d., explain and provide full details of the assets or liabilities, including location of such assets or liabilities and provide account numbers is applicable:
12.
Is/are the Petitioner(s) requesting that the Proposed Conservator(s)be granted any additional powers pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 29-3-22?  [Circle One] (Yes) (No)
If you answer "Yes," state the powers requested and the justifications for such powers below:
[NOTE: the request of additional powers will cause a guardian ad litem to be appointed by the Court.]  13. Additional Data: [Where full particulars are lacking, state here the reasons for any such omission.]

d.

Does the Minor own real estate?

Signature of Second Petitioner, if any
Printed Name
Address
Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_ State Bar #

the Nominated Conservator(s) be vested with authority as conservator(s) of said

WHEREFORE, Petitioner(s) pray(s) that:

1.

2.

Telephone Number

service be perfected as required by law; and

### **VERIFICATION**

GEORGIA,CO	UNTY
* **	dersigned Petitioner(s) who, after being duly sworning Petition and the attached Exhibit(s) are true and
Sworn to and subscribed before me this, 20	Signature of First Petitioner
NOTARY/CLERK OF PROBATE COURT My Commission Expires	Printed Name of First Petitioner
Sworn to and subscribed before me this day of, 20	Signature of Second Petitioner, if any
NOTARY/CLERK OF PROBATE COURT My Commission Expires	Printed Name of Second Petitioner, if any

IN RE: ESTATE OF	, MINOR	) ) )	ESTA	ATE NO.			
SEL	ECTION O	F THE	MINOR				
I, the undersigned Minor,  County, select	_	•				resident o	of
to be appointed my conservator(s).							
This day of			, 20	<u> </u>			
		Sign	ature of	Minor, if a	nge 14 o	r over	
		Print	ted Name	<u> </u>			

IN RE: ESTATE OF	)
MINOR.	ESTATE NO
	NT OF SERVICE AND F NOMINATED CONSERVATOR(S)
interested persons named in the foregoing Petit Petition for Letters of Conservatorship of Min	f age, laboring under no legal disability and being ion, hereby acknowledge service of a copy of the or, waive further service and notice, and hereby enservator(s) for the above Minor without further
Sworn to and subscribed before me this day of, 20	Signature
NOTARY/ CLERK OF PROBATE COURT My Commission Expires	Printed Name
Sworn to and subscribed before me this, 20	Signature
NOTARY/ CLERK OF PROBATE COURT My Commission Expires	Printed Name
Sworn to and subscribed before me this day of, 20	Signature
NOTARY/ CLERK OF PROBATE COURT My Commission Expires	Printed Name

## NOTICE REGARDING UNIFORM PROBATE COURT RULE 5.6 (A):

THE FOLLOWING PAGES ARE TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PETITIONER (MOVING PARTY) UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COURT.

IN RI	RE: ESTATE OF	
	, ) MINOR )	ESTATE NO
	ORDER FOR SERVICE OF	NOTICE
	The foregoing Petition for Letters of Conservator earing that the following interested parties did not ack the served on the individuals listed in Paragraph 8 or	nowledge service, it is ORDERED that
[Strike	ke through the paragraphs that are not applicable]	
a.	n. Notice must be served personally on the following	individual(s) who reside(s) in Georgia:
b.	b. Notice must be served by first class mail, at lea granted, on the following individual(s) who readdress:	
	SO ORDERED this day of	
	Judge of the	Probate Court

IN RI	E: ESTATE OF	)	
		)	ESTATE NO.
	MINOR	)	
		ГІСЕ	
EOD	LETTERS OF CONSERVATORSHIP	EOD	HAS/HAVE FILED A PETITION
10 b	BE APPOINTED CONSERVATOR(S) ( NOR.	FOR _ OF	,
[Strik TO:	te through the paragraphs that are not appl		
	[List all interested persons who reside in Georgia to b	e served p	personally]
		the ide	nere is any, either to the establishment of entified individual as conservator, or both, ter the date you are personally served.
TO:	[List all interested persons having known addresses or	utside this	state to be served by first class mail]
	the conservatorship or to the selection of	the ide	nere is any, either to the establishment of entified individual as conservator, or both, th) day after,
	20 (the date of the mailing of this N		
unless	BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections public or Probate Court clerk and filings you qualify to file as an indigent party. Probate Court of, Georgians, Georgians,	ng fees If an ob	ejection is filed, a hearing will be (held in
addre	ss, Georgia	on	ato'clockm.)
(SCHEC	duled at a later date). If no objection is file	u, me r	etition may be gramed without a hearing.
Addre	ess		
		Judge	of the Probate Court
		By:	
Telep	hone Number	Clerk	Deputy Clerk of the Probate Court
Date of	of Mailing, if any:		

IN RE: ESTATE OF	)	
MINOR	)	
ORDER		
The Petition for Letters of Conservators and it appearing that the facts stated therein are to appoint the Conservator(s) listed below,	hip of Minor having been read and considered, rue, and that it is in the best interest of the Minor	
[Strike through any portion of the order that is n	ot applicable]	
IT IS ORDERED that	be	
rested with all the authority as conservator(s) of manage it according to law and that Letters of prescribed oath and upon the posting of bond in The bond (has) (has not) been posted as of the dappointed because	f Conservatorship issue upon the taking of the the amount of \$	
The appointed Conservator(s) shall have no Letters of Conservatorship have issued.	authority to act on behalf of the Minor until	
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following powers pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 29-3-2	Conservator(s) requested and shall have the 2 (b):	
[Initial all applicable]		
	following investments, being investments other § 29-3-32 without further Court approval:	
	;	
personal property without complying wi	erwise dispose of the Minor's following real or th the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 29-3-35, other et forth in subsection (e) of O.C.G.A. § 29-3-35:	
and/or		
(c) To continue the operation of the follow	wing farm or business in which the Minor has an	

[Initial all applicable] (a) To make disbursements that exceed the annual income or, if applicable, the annual budget amount which has been approved by the Court pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 29-3-30 by no more than \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per (month) (year) for the support, care, education, health, and welfare of the Minor; subject to subsequent court order. (b) To enter into contracts for labor or services, being \_\_\_\_\_ for which the compensation payable under the contracts when combined with other disbursements from the estate exceeds the annual income or, if applicable, the annual budget amount which has been approved by the Court pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 29-3-30; (c) To make specific investments of the Minor's property that do not comply with the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 29-3-32, pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 29-3-34, being: (d) To sell, rent, lease, exchange, or otherwise dispose of specific items of the Minor's real or personal property without complying with the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 29-3-35, other than those provisions for additional bond set forth in O.C.G.A. § 29-3-35 (e), being: (e) To compromise a contested or doubtful claim for or against the Minor pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 29-3-3, being a claim made by/against (f) To release \_\_\_\_\_ a debtor, and compromise a debt when the collection of the debt is doubtful; (f) To release \_\_\_\_\_ (g) To establish or add the following property to a trust for the benefit of the Minor: (h) To disclaim or renounce any property or interest in the following property of the and/or (i) To engage in estate planning for the Minor pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 29-3-36: \_\_\_\_\_

And, after notice to the appointed guardian ad litem, the following powers pursuant to

O.C.G.A. § 29-3-22 (c):

### [Initial if applicable]

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, within 30 days of the date hereof, the clerk/deputy clerk shall file the Certificate of Creation of Conservatorship in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 29-3-10 (b) with the Clerk of Superior Court of each county in this State in which the Minor owns real property.

### IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Conservator(s) shall:

- 1. Keep the Minor's funds separate from his/her/their own;
- 2. Not sell or give away any of the Minor's property without a court order;
- 3. Not spend any of the Minor's funds for any purpose except as set forth in the Courtapproved budget. A minor has no obligation to support himself or herself or any member of his or her household;
- 4. File with this Court a management plan; an inventory of the Minor's funds within two months of the date the Letters of Conservatorship issue; and an annual return within sixty (60) days after each anniversary date of the issuance of Letters of Conservatorship, unless the Court has approved a different accounting period;
- 5. Turn over to the Minor any of the Minor's property in his/her/their possession when the Minor reaches 18;
- 6. Not use the Minor's funds for his/her/their own benefit;
- 7. Always keep the Court informed of his/her/their name(s), address(es), or the location(s);
- 8. Always keep the Court informed of the name(s), address(es), or the location of the Minor;
- 9. Not place his/her/their name(s) on the title of any funds and/or accounts belonging to the Minor unless he/she/they specifically is/are designated in the title of the account as conservator(s) of the Minor;
- 10. Promptly disclose to the Court any conflict of interest between the Conservator(s) and the Minor when such conflict of interest arises or becomes known to the Conservator(s); and
- 11. Keep accurate records, including adequate supporting data, as required by law.

[Initial if applicable]	
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the deliver to the Guardian(s) of the Minor the sum of \$ benefit of the Minor.	Conservator(s) is/are authorized to spend or per month for the
SO ORDERED this day of	, 20
<del>-</del> J	udge of the Probate Court

[Above space to be used for filing in Superior Probate Court Return Mailing Address:	Court Clerk's Office of Deeds and Records]	
Frobate Court Return Warning Address.		
IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF STATE OF GEORGIA		
IN RE: ESTATE OF  MINOR	) ) ) ESTATE NO	
MINOR	)	
CERTIFICATE OF CREATION (Pursuant to O.C.G		
GRANTOR [NAME OF MINOR]:		
GRANTEE(S) [NAME(S) OF CONSERVATOR(S)	) OF ABOVE MINOR]:	
	ne above-named Minor. The Minor attains the at which time the conservatorship	
Original Certificate delivered or mailed to County on	Clerk of Superior Court of	
I do hereby certify that the above informatissued oncorrect.	tion is based on the Order of the Probate Court and that the above information is true and	
By:	CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK	
PROBATE (	CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK	

IN RE: ESTATE OF	) )
MINOR	) <b>ESTATE NO.</b>
,	)
DATE OF BIRTH	
TO:	VATORSHIP OF MINOR , Conservator(s)
The above-named Minor has been found by this Couentered an Order designating you as such Conserv taking your oath and posting bond. In general, your the property of the above-named Minor. Your aut applicable statutes and to any special orders entered in	art to be in need of a conservator, and this Court has ator(s). You have assented to this appointment by duties as Conservator(s) are to protect and maintain hority to act pursuant to these Letters is subject to
Special Instructions:	
obligation to support him/herself or any member of	ate, and make all payments by check. A minor has no of his or her household.
<ol><li>You may not sell, mortgage, give away, or otherw court order.</li></ol>	ise dispose of any of the Minor's property without a
<ol><li>You may not spend any of the Minor's funds for a budget without a court order.</li></ol>	my purpose except as set forth in the Court approved
4. You must file within two months of your appointment plan for managing, expending, and distributing the days of each anniversary date of these Letter disbursements, accompanied by an affidavit certification with the items listed on the return, and	tent an inventory showing the Minor's property and a see property. Further, you must file, within sixty (60) ters an annual return, showing all receipts and ifying that the original vouchers (checks) have been d that the return is correct, together with an updated copy of said return shall be sent by first class mail to
	final return. There are special rules concerning rest earned, extraordinary services, and market value
<ol><li>You must keep the Court informed of any chang Court of any conflict of interest arising between you</li></ol>	
7. You must inform the Court of any change as to the	
8. Please consult your attorney if you have any questi	
<ol><li>Your authority to act pursuant to these Letters is su entered in this case.</li></ol>	ubject to applicable statutes and to any special orders
Given under my hand and official seal, thisd	ay of, 20
NOTE: The following must be signed if the Judge does not sign the original of this document. Issued By:	Judge of the Probate Court
	[Seal]