

**IN THE COURTS OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2015-57
(Vacates Administrative Order No. 2007-15)**

IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP

COURT APPROVED GUARDIANSHIP EDUCATION

ORDER

WHEREAS, §744.3145, *Florida Statutes*, provides each ward is entitled to a guardian competent to perform the duties of a guardian necessary to protect the interests of the ward, it is,

ORDERED:

1. The following agencies are approved to provide the educational requirement in a live format or an online format to guardians appointed by the courts of the First Judicial Circuit pursuant to Chapter 744, *Florida Statutes*:

Northwest Florida State College
100 College Boulevard
Niceville, Florida 32578
Phone: 850-678-5111
Website: www.NEFSC.edu

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Pensacola State College
1000 College Boulevard
Pensacola, Florida 32504-8998
Phone: 850-484-1797
Website: www.PensacolaState.edu

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St. Petersburg College - Online Course
www.spcollege.edu
Phone: 727-341-4772

2. Guardian other than a parent who is the guardian of the property of a minor child.

Each course will provide a minimum of eight (8) hours of instruction and training which covers:

- A. The legal duties and responsibilities of the guardian;
- B. The rights of the ward;
- C. The availability of local resources to aid the ward; and
- D. Preparation of habilitation plans and annual guardianship report, including financial accounting for the ward's property.

3. Guardian of the property of his or her minor child.

Each course shall provide a minimum of four (4) hours of instruction and training which covers:

- A. The legal duties and responsibilities of the guardian of the property.
- B. The preparation of the initial inventory and annual guardianship accountings for the ward's property; and
- C. Use of guardianship assets.

4. Each person appointed by the court to be a guardian must complete the required hours of instruction and education within four (4) months after his or her appointment as guardian.

DONE AND ORDERED in Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida this 1st day of December, 2015.

/S/ LINDA L. NOBLES

LINDA L. NOBLES
CHIEF JUDGE

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