

## DIRECTIVE AND INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING CONTINUING AND COMMENCING GUARDIANSHIP HEARINGS

All pending guardianship hearings which are set on the docket for hearing between the dates of December 8, 2020, through January 8, 2021, are considered to be opened for commencement of proceedings but shall be continued by the Court to the next available setting.

The health and safety of the litigants and staff precludes in person hearings at this time due to a surge of COVID-19 cases. It is not feasible for the Court or parties to re-issue notice for pending cases allowing for video, telephone or other alternative proceedings that complies with Guardianship statutory notice requirements.

The Court Clerk shall issue an Order of Continuance to the party seeking relief, who shall be responsible to mail and certify service of the Order of Continuance to all parties entitled to notice.

Dated 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2020.

James W. Keeley

Special District Judge