

Bond for the Guardianship of a Minor Temporary and Permanent

Instructions for completing the Temporary and Permanent Bond Forms
(Use these instructions only when the minor has less than \$100 in cash or property)

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READ THIS:

Information provided in this packet IS NOT LEGAL ADVICE, It is information. This information is not a substitute for a competent lawyer.

When you sign a legal document or file any papers in court, it can seriously affect you in the future. You should always try to get legal advice before filing documents.

Bar Association lawyer referral services are listed in our brochure "Legal Resources in and around Suffolk County." Also listed are free legal service providers. You may be eligible for help.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING the
BOND FOR GUARDIANSHIP
TEMPORARY and PERMANENT**

Look at the sample form attached and follow the instructions carefully.
Please print or type all information.

**Put the information asked for in line 1 in the place marked 1 in example. The number 1 is not
on the form you will fill out.**

DO NOT FILL IN THE SAMPLE FORM. FILL IN A BLANK FORM.

You must fill out two bond forms, one for temporary and one for permanent guardianship.

Fill in the following on both FORMS:

- ① Put in SUFFOLK.
- ② Put in the Docket Number for this case, if one has been assigned.
- ③ Fill in the blank with the words "Guardian of a Minor" and put an X into the space next to the word "without."
- ④ Put in the name of the child you are applying to be guardian for.
- ⑤ Print your name and address. You are the "Fiduciary." If you and another person are both applying, (for instance you and your spouse), print both of your names and addresses.
- ⑥ Print "NONE." If the child owns real estate, you should not use this packet of instructions for becoming the child's guardian.
- ⑦ Print "NONE" or if the child has funds of more than "NONE", but less than \$100, put in the amount. If the child has more than \$100 in assets, you should not use this packet of instructions for becoming the child's guardian.
- ⑧ Print "NONE".

THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS ARE FOR THE TEMPORARY BOND FORM

- ⑨ Print "Temporary Guardian".
- ⑩ Print the date and sign the form.

SEE EXAMPLE ON OPPOSITE PAGE

THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS ARE FOR THE PERMANENT BOND FORM

- ⑨ Print "Permanent Guardian".
- ⑩ Print the date and sign the form.

SEE EXAMPLE ON BACK PAGE

Every time a case is filed in court, a *DOCKET NUMBER* is assigned. This is the number the court uses to identify your case and find your case file.

Write this number on *all* papers you file in Court. Have the Docket Number handy when you come to the courthouse or call on the telephone to ask about your case.

Bond Form-Permanent Guardian
FILL IN A BLANK FORM AS SHOWN BELOW. DO NOT FILL IN THIS SAMPLE FORM. USE FORM CJP-26

1

SUFFOLK Division

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department

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Docket No. _____

Bond of 3 Guardian of a minor (type of fiduciary) 4
(x) without
() with Personal Surety
() with Corporate Surety

Name of Estate CHILD'S NAME

Name and Address of Fiduciary 5 YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS

Estimated Real Estate 6 NONE Estimated Personal Estate 7 NONE

Penal Sum of Bond, (if applicable) 8 NONE

1, We, the undersigned fiduciary accept appointment as 9 **PERMANENT GUARDIAN** and stand bound - in the aforesaid penal sum - with the undersigned surety or sureties - (if applicable) to perform the statutory conditions of said bond and declare the above estimate to be to my - our best knowledge and belief.

Date 10 month/day/year

10 YOUR SIGNATURE HERE
Signature of Fiduciary - Principal

DO NOT FILL IN BELOW THIS LINE

(complete below only if this is a bond with personal sureties)

We, the undersigned, as sureties, stand bound jointly and severally in the aforesaid penal sum to perform the statutory condition.

Personal Surety's Name and Address _____

Signature _____

Personal Surety's Name and Address _____

Signature _____

The above sureties are in my opinion sufficient.

Signature Office City or Town

(complete below only if this is a Surety Company Bond)

We, the undersigned surety company, a corporation duly organized by law under the state of _____ and having a usual place of business in _____

(Massachusetts address)

stand bound as surety, in the aforesaid penal sum, to perform the statutory condition.

_____ by _____
Corporate Surety (name) Signature and Title

_____, SS.. _____ 20 _____ examined and approved.