

GMP Volunteer Requirements

■ GMP volunteer work is done remotely at the volunteer's convenience. Volunteers must have access to a computer and an internet connection.

■ Volunteers are expected to contribute about 6 to 12 hours a month to the GMP. Schedules are flexible and will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

■ GMP volunteers must be comfortable using computers and should have some experience and/or an interest in reading and understanding basic legal and financial documents. Program-specific training is provided for all GMP volunteers.

■ Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and are asked to commit to serve for at least one year.

■ All Judiciary volunteers must be fingerprinted and interviewed, pass a background check, and must accept and comply with the Code of Conduct for Judiciary Volunteers.

For more information about the Guardianship Monitoring Program, go to www.njcourts.gov and search for guardianship monitoring program.



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Guardianship Monitoring Program



“The Guardianship Monitoring Program is a volunteer initiative that grows out of the need to ensure that friends, neighbors and family members who are incapacitated are treated with the dignity and integrity they deserve.”

Chief Justice Stuart Rabner

New Jersey Judiciary Guardianship Monitoring Program

What is the New Jersey Judiciary Guardianship Monitoring Program?

The New Jersey Judiciary Guardianship Monitoring Program (GMP) is a comprehensive statewide program that monitors guardians appointed to handle the affairs of incapacitated adults.

Monitoring and oversight of guardianships help identify, address, prevent, and deter activities that may be harmful to incapacitated adults.

Trained GMP volunteers use eCourts Guardianship, a Judiciary computer application, to review reports and other documents contained in guardianship files.

The volunteers' work ensures that guardians comply with statutory and court-ordered requirements to file documents and reports and manage the affairs of incapacitated adults properly and in their best interest.

What is a guardianship?

A guardianship is established when a Superior Court, Probate Part judge declares a person incapacitated and appoints a guardian to oversee the incapacitated individual's well-being and/or financial affairs.

Incapacitated individuals are adults impaired by mental illness or deficiency, physical illness or disability, chronic use of drugs, chronic alcoholism, intellectual disability or other cause, to the extent that they cannot govern themselves and manage their affairs.

How many adults are affected by guardianships?

Approximately 3,000 adult guardianship actions are filed in New Jersey every year.

Approximately 35,000 active guardianships are monitored through eCourts Guardianship statewide.

What do GMP volunteers do ?

The Judiciary is recruiting GMP volunteers to assist the courts with examining documents contained in guardianship files and verifying that guardians comply with reporting requirements.

Volunteers also review inventories and periodic financial reports filed by guardians.



These documents provide the court with information about the affairs of incapacitated persons to ensure that they are being handled properly and in their best interest.

Volunteers record their findings, including errors or discrepancies in guardians' reports, which could be referred to court staff or Probate Part judges for possible follow-up action.