

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE NINTH JUDICIAL COURT
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE GUARDIAN ADVOCATE OF

Case No.: _____

LETTERS OF GUARDIAN ADVOCATE OF THE PERSON AND PROPERTY
(FORM R)

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

WHEREAS, _____ has been appointed Guardian Advocate(s) of the Person and Property, of _____, a person with a developmental disability who lacks the decision-making capacity to do some, but not all, of the tasks necessary to take care of his/her person; and

WHEREAS, the Guardian Advocate has taken and filed the prescribed oath and performed all other acts prerequisite to the issuance of Letters of Guardian Advocate of the Person and Property;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the undersigned circuit judge, declare that _____ is duly qualified under the laws of the State of Florida to act as Guardian Advocate of the Person and Property of _____ with full power to exercise the following powers and duties on behalf of the person with a developmental disability:

- (___) to determine residence;
- (___) to consent to medical, dental, and surgical care and treatment;
- (___) to make decisions about the social environment or other social aspects of the person with a developmental disability's life.
- (___) to exercise all delegable legal rights and powers of the person with a developmental disability according to law
- (___) to take possession of and to hold, for the benefit of the person with a developmental disability, all the property, and all rents, income and profits from it.

Without first obtaining specific authority from the Court, as stated in section 744.3725, Florida Statutes, the Guardian Advocate may not:

(a) commit the person with a developmental disability to a facility, institution, or licensed service provider without formal placement proceedings, pursuant to Chapter 393, Florida Statutes;

(b) consent to the participation of the person with a developmental disability in any experimental biomedical or behavior procedure, exam, study, or research;

(c) consent to the performance of a sterilization or abortion procedure on the disabled person;

(d) consent to termination of life support systems provided for the person with a developmental disability

(e) initiate a petition for dissolution of marriage for the ward

(f) exercise any authority over any health care surrogate appointed by any valid advance directive executed by the disabled person, pursuant to Chapter 765, Florida Statutes, except upon further order of this Court.

_____ (the person with developmental disability) shall retain all legal rights except those which are specifically granted to the Guardian Advocate pursuant to court order.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at Orlando, Orange County, Florida this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Circuit Court Judge