

Court Visitors

(Emergency Guardian | Special Conservator)

The court appointed a *visitor* to look into your case.

1. What Does a Court Visitor Do?



A visitor will meet with you to discuss:

- What a guardian or conservator does.
- The court documents and how the case could affect you.
- Your appointed lawyer's name and contact information.
- Your rights to a hearing and to hire your own lawyer.
- The costs of these proceedings and how they are paid.
- Supported Decision Making.

2. What is Supported Decision Making?



A system where a trusted person helps you make decisions.

This can be a friend, family member, or other community member. You must have trusted them for at least the past year. And they should be someone who knows your desires and values.

They will help you:

- Understand the issues and your choices.
- Ask questions.
- Get an explanation in language you understand.
- Communicate your decisions to others if necessary. And,
- Make day-to-day health, safety, welfare, or financial decisions.

3. What Goes in the Visitor's Report?



The visitor will submit their report within 14 days of being assigned.

The report will include:

- Your supportive community's names and contact information.
- A summary of your supportive decision-making process.
- If a community member should participate in the court case.

See Colorado laws, § 15-14-308(2) or § 15-10-201(27).

- Recommendations for the guardianship or conservatorship. This includes any possible less restrictive options available.
- Recommendations on the guardian or conservator's powers.
- Any other matters the court requested.

4. What will the Court Do?



The court will make a decision within 7 days of court visitor's report.

The decision will include:

- If a supportive community member can participate in the case.
- If the powers of the guardian or conservator are limited.
- Any other decisions that will preserve and protect your rights.

5. For More Information



This process is determined by Colorado laws:

- C.R.S. § 15-14-310(1) – Who may be a guardian.
- C.R.S. § 26-3.1-104 – County Protective Services.
- C.R.S. § 15-14-413(1) – Who may be a conservator.
- C.R.S. § 15-22-622 – Public administrator as conservator.