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INVITATION TO COMMENT

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Title

Rules and Forms: Revisions to Fee Waiver Forms

Action Requested

Review and submit comments by May 18, 2026, to invitations@jud.ca.gov

Proposed Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes

Amend Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.50, 3.51, 3.52, 3.53, 3.55, 7.5, and 8.26; revise forms APP-015/ FW-015-INFO, APP-016/FW-016, APP-016-GC/FW-016-GC, FW-001, FW-001-GC, FW-001-INFO, FW-002, FW-002-GC, FW-003, FW-003-GC, FW-005, FW-005-GC, FW-006-GC, FW-007-GC, FW-008, FW-008-GC, FW-010, FW-010-GC, FW-011, FW-011-GC, FW-012, and FW-012-GC

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Executive Summary and Origin

Senate Bill 54 (Stats. 2025, ch. 646) exempts veterans disability service-connected compensation from monthly income for purposes of determining whether a fee waiver applicant's income is 200 percent or less of the current federal poverty guidelines. The Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee and the Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee propose amending seven rules of court and revising 22 fee waiver forms to implement SB 54, correct misapplications of existing law, and make other improvements.

This proposal has not been approved by the Judicial Council and is not intended to represent the views of the council, its Rules Committee, or its Legislation Committee. It is circulated for comment purposes only.

The Proposal

The Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee (CSCAC) and the Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee (PMHAC) propose that the Judicial Council, effective January 1, 2027, amend seven rules of court and revise 22 fee waiver forms to implement [SB 54](#) (see Link A), address several areas identified by courts, court users, committee members, and staff in which the fee waiver forms misapply the governing legal framework, and make other improvements.

These misapplications are found on both the standard fee waiver forms and the guardianship/conservatorship fee waiver forms (those numbered FW-XXX-GC), and the committees therefore jointly propose revisions to correct them.¹ The committees also propose revisions to simplify the language in the forms and make other improvements and, except for rule 7.5, jointly propose the amendments to the fee waiver rules. In addition, the Appellate Advisory Committee provided input on the proposed amendment to rule 8.26 and the revisions to forms APP-015/FW-015-INFO, APP-016/FW-016, and APP-016-GC/FW-016-GC but does not join the proposal.

PMHAC proposes amending rule 7.5 and revising the guardianship/conservatorship fee waiver forms to clarify that the law authorizes a court to grant a fee waiver to a guardian, conservator, or petitioner for appointment of a guardian or conservator, not to a (proposed) ward or conservatee, even though eligibility for a waiver depends on the ward's or conservatee's financial condition.² For example, PMHAC proposes replacing “(Ward or Conservatee)” in the titles of all forms in the guardianship/conservatorship series with “(Guardian or Conservator)” to indicate the recipient of the waiver. This invitation to comment points out where PMHAC proposes a revision independent of those proposed jointly with CSCAC.

Request forms (forms FW-001, FW-001-GC, FW-002, and FW-002-GC)

The committees propose revising *Request to Waive Court Fees* (form FW-001), *Request to Waive Court Fees (Ward or Conservatee)* (form FW-001-GC), *Request to Waive Additional*

¹ With one exception, the fee waiver statutes—Government Code sections 68630–68641—apply to guardians, conservators, and petitioners for their appointment in the same manner as they apply to all litigants. The exception changes the person whose financial condition is determinative of eligibility for a fee waiver. Under ordinary circumstances, eligibility is based on the financial condition of the person who files the request and the underlying papers. Government Code section 68632(d) authorizes a court to grant a fee waiver to a person who petitions for appointment of a guardian or conservator or who files pleadings as an appointed guardian or conservator based not on the financial condition of the petitioner or guardian or conservator but rather on the financial condition of the (proposed) ward or conservatee. (Gov. Code, § 68632(d). See also *id.*, §§ 68631, 68631.5.) In 2015, the council deemed this exception sufficient to warrant adopting a separate set of fee waiver forms for use by guardians, conservators, and petitioners for their appointment. See Judicial Council of Cal., Advisory Com. Rep., *Probate: Court Fee Waivers in Decedents' Estates, Guardianships, and Conservatorships and for Wards and Conservatees Participating in Civil Actions* (Jul. 16, 2015), courts.ca.gov/sites/default/files/courts/default/2024-10/jc-20150728-itea2.pdf.

Each of these forms uses the same number as its standard counterpart with the addition of the suffix “-GC.” For example, the standard form for requesting an initial fee waiver is form FW-001; the version for guardians, conservators, or petitioners for their appointment to use to request a waiver is form FW-001-GC.

² Gov. Code, § 68632(d). All further statutory references are to the Government Code unless otherwise specified.

Court Fees (Superior Court) (form FW-002), and *Request to Waive Additional Court Fees (Superior Court) (Ward or Conservatee)* (form FW-002-GC) to implement SB 54, more clearly state other legal requirements and standards, standardize language across all fee waiver forms, and make the forms easier to understand.

Senate Bill 54

Under Government Code section 68632(b)(1), persons eligible for an initial waiver of court fees include applicants whose monthly income is 200 percent or less of the current federal poverty guidelines. Effective January 1, 2026, SB 54 amended section 68632 to exempt “veterans disability service-connected compensation” from monthly income for purposes of this calculation.³

To implement this change in law, the committees propose revising item 5b on form FW-001 and item 8b on form FW-001-GC.⁴ These items, which ask whether the applicant’s monthly income is below the statutory threshold, would be revised as follows: “My gross monthly household income (before deductions for taxes), not including veterans disability compensation, is less than the amount listed below.”⁵ The committees also propose revising item 8a on form FW-001 and item 13a on form FW-001-GC to explain that if item 5b on the standard fee waiver form/item 8b on the GC form is checked, the applicant should not include “veterans disability service-connected compensation” in their total monthly income.

Improved financial condition

The recipient of an initial fee waiver is required to “notify the court within five days of any change in financial circumstances that affects [their] ability to pay all or a portion of the court fees and costs that were initially waived.”⁶ The fee waiver forms used for notices and orders contain a warning about this requirement, but the warning is phrased differently on different forms. For example, form FW-001 currently says, “your financial situation improves,” while form FW-003 says, “if there is a change in your financial circumstances during this case that increases your ability to pay fees and costs.” The committees propose revising all the forms that warn of the notification requirement or otherwise discuss a change in the ability to pay to use the same language, namely, “financial condition” instead of “financial situation” or “financial circumstances” and “improves” instead of “increases.” With respect to the request forms, the

³ § 68632(b)(3).

⁴ The item numbers on the forms diverge because the GC forms ask for information about the ward or conservatee in addition to the guardian or conservator. Each proposed revision nevertheless addresses the same issues in each form set.

⁵ The Legislature has used the term “veterans disability compensation” as a synonym for “veterans disability service-connected compensation.” Assem. Com. on Military & Veterans Affairs, Analysis of Sen. Bill No. 54 (2025–2026 Reg. Sess.), as introduced Jan. 7, 2025, p. 2, leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billAnalysisClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB54#.

⁶ § 68636.

committees have proposed revisions to the second bullet point at the top of page 1 of forms FW-001 and FW-001-GC the notice at the bottom of forms FW-002 and FW-002-GC.

Recovery of \$10,000 or more

Litigants in civil cases who receive initial fee waivers and who recover \$10,000 or more by “settlement, compromise, arbitration award, mediation settlement, or other recovery” must pay their waived fees and costs out of their recovery.⁷ Many fee waiver forms explain this requirement but refer only to “settlement” without mentioning other forms of recovery.

The committees propose revising all the forms that discuss this requirement to use the term “recovery” instead of “settlement.” For example, in the third bullet point at the top of page 1 of form FW-001, the committees propose replacing “You may have to pay later if you settle your civil case for \$10,000 or more. The trial court that waives your fees will have a lien on any such settlement in the amount of the waived fees and costs” with “You may have to pay later if this is a civil case, and you recover \$10,000 or more by settlement or otherwise. The court will have a lien on the recovery in the amount of the waived fees and costs.” The committees propose a similar revision in the notice near the end of forms FW-002 and FW-002-GC. In that same notice, the committees also propose replacing “the court may not dismiss the case until the lien is paid” with “the court may decide not to dismiss the case until the lien is paid” to clarify that the court has discretion whether to dismiss the case.

Attorneys advancing litigation costs

If the applicant is represented by an attorney who is advancing the applicant their litigation costs, the court must set a hearing to determine whether the applicant is able to pay court fees. This requirement does not apply if the attorney is affiliated with a “qualified legal services project, as defined in Section 6213 of the Business and Professions Code.”⁸

Currently, forms FW-001, FW-001-GC, FW-002, and FW-002-GC state: “If your lawyer is not providing legal-aid type services based on your low income, you may have to go to a hearing to explain why you are asking the court to waive the fees.” This phrasing is likely intended to be plain language, but many applicants are unlikely to know what “legal-aid type services” means. Because applicants to whom this item applies will be represented by an attorney, the committees propose revising these items to use the statutory language, which uses clearly defined or understood terms: “If your lawyer is not providing legal services on behalf of a qualified legal services project (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 6213), you may have to go to a hearing to explain why you are asking the court to waive the fees.”

Email addresses

CSCAC received a suggestion from a court to revise all fee waiver forms to add a field for the applicant to provide their email address. Accordingly, the committees propose adding a field for

⁷ § 68637(c).

⁸ § 68633(g).

an email address to every item that requests contact information. The committees also propose revising item 2 on form FW-002 and other standard fee waiver forms in this proposal to provide separate fields for each piece of contact information for the applicant's attorney, including email address, instead of one text box.

Other revisions

CSCAC received a suggestion from a court to clarify item 11a on form FW-001, which currently asks for "payroll deductions." The court explained that many filers do not understand what the term "payroll deductions" refers to, and suggested adding lines for specific types of payroll deductions, such as federal income tax and Social Security taxes. The committees propose revising item 11a on form FW-001 and item 18a (renumbered as 17a) on form FW-001-GC to ask for "Deductions from gross pay (money held by employer to make required payments) and the monthly amount of each one" and add lines for federal income tax, state income tax, Medicare and Social Security taxes, and "other." The committees also propose revising items 11d and 11k on form FW-001 and renumbered 17d and 17k on form FW-001-GC to make them easier to understand.

Finally, the committees propose minor revisions to several items on forms FW-001, FW-001-GC, FW-002, and FW-002-GC to use plain language or make them easier to understand.

Order forms (forms APP-016/FW-016, APP-016-GC/FW-016-GC, FW-003, FW-003-GC, FW-008, FW-008-GC, FW-012, and FW-012-GC)

The committees propose revising *Order on Court Fee Waiver (Court of Appeal or Supreme Court)* (form APP-016/FW-016), *Order on Court Fee Waiver (Court of Appeal or Supreme Court) (Ward or Conservatee)* (form APP-016-GC/FW-016-GC), *Order on Court Fee Waiver (Superior Court)* (form FW-003), *Order on Court Fee Waiver (Superior Court) (Ward or Conservatee)* (form FW-003-GC), *Order on Court Fee Waiver After Hearing (Superior Court)* (form FW-008), *Order on Court Fee Waiver After Hearing (Superior Court) (Ward or Conservatee)* (form FW-008-GC), *Order on Court Fee Waiver After Reconsideration Hearing (Superior Court)* (form FW-012), and *Order on Court Fee Waiver After Reconsideration Hearing (Superior Court) (Ward or Conservatee)* (form FW-012-GC) to add notices about when fee waivers expire, update and clarify the lists of waived fees, clarify deadlines, and make other improvements.

In addition to the revisions described above, PMHAC proposes revising the title of each of the order forms applicable to guardianships and conservatorships to replace "(Ward or Conservatee)" with "(Guardian or Conservator)" and making other conforming changes to indicate that the court is granting the fee waiver to the guardian, conservator, or petitioner.

Fee waiver expiration

CSCAC received a suggestion from a court to add a notice on the fee waiver orders explaining when fee waivers expire. The court noted that fee waiver recipients are often uncertain how long their fee waivers last because this information is currently provided only on the fee waiver

information sheet (FW-001-INFO). The committees therefore propose revising the items in forms APP-016/FW-016, APP-016-GC/FW-016-GC, FW-003, FW-003-GC, FW-005, FW-005-GC, FW-008, and FW-008-GC that order a fee waiver to add a notice stating that the fee waiver “expires 60 days after the judgment, dismissal, or other final disposition of your case. (Gov. Code, § 68639.)”

Lists of waived fees

The fee waiver order forms contain items listing the specific fees waived by each order.⁹ The committees propose revising these lists to specify more clearly that the court is waiving *fees*, not services, and identify the fees being waived. For example, the committees propose replacing “making and certifying copies” with “clerk’s fees for making and certifying copies” to make it clearer that third-party fees for making copies are not included. In addition, the committees propose replacing “court fees for phone hearing” with “court fees for phone hearings and remote appearances” and adding citations to rule 3.672 to reflect that rule 3.672(k)(2) prohibits courts from charging remote appearance fees to litigants with fee waivers.

Payment deadlines

If a fee waiver application is denied in whole or in part, the applicant must pay their fees “within 10 days after the clerk gives notice of the denial.”¹⁰ Currently, the forms state this deadline inconsistently. For example, forms FW-003 and FW-003-GC state the deadline alternatively as “10 days after the clerk gives notice of this order” and “10 days.” The committees propose revising the order forms to consistently state that the deadline is “10 days after the date of service of this order” and revising the clerk’s certificate of service at the end of these forms to clarify that the date in the certificate is the date of service.¹¹ On forms APP-016/FW-016 and APP-016-GC/FW-016-GC, the committees propose adding a certificate of service that includes the date of service identified as such.

Similarly, if a fee waiver is revoked or modified after a reconsideration hearing, the court must give the applicant “a minimum of 10 court days to begin paying the full or partial fees.”¹² The committees propose revising the deadlines on forms FW-012 and FW-012-GC to state that fees must be paid “within 10 court days of the date of service of this order” and revising the clerk’s certificate of service to identify the date in the certificate as the date of service.

⁹ The list of fees included in an initial waiver comes from California Rules of Court, rule 3.55, and the list of additional waived fees comes from rule 3.56.

¹⁰ § 68634(g).

¹¹ Some forms cross-reference a “date below” or a “date on next page.” These references can be confusing if the page referred to contains two or three dates. The committees anticipate that specifying the deadline as the “date of service” and expressly identifying the date of service as such on the forms will reduce confusion.

¹² § 68636(d), (e).

Electronic service by the clerk

The committees propose revising the clerk’s certificate of service on all of the order forms to add an option for electronic service. This addition reflects that under rule 2.251, the clerk may be permitted or required to electronically serve the order in some circumstances.

Form FW-003, item 4b(2), and form FW-003-GC, item 6b(2)

Currently, item 4b(2) on form FW-003 and item 6b(2) on form FW-003-GC state that the applicant has 10 days to either ask for a hearing or “pay your fees and costs in full or in the amount listed in c below.” However, on neither form does item c discuss partial payment of fees. Government Code section 68634(e) does not include partial payment of fees in the list of permissible responses to an initial trial court fee waiver application decided without a hearing. Partial payment is authorized by Government Code section 68636(d) and (e) only after the court has held a hearing on the application. Thus, the reference in items 4b(2) and 6b(2) to payment “in the amount listed below” appears to be an error, and the committees propose revising these items to read, “Pay your fees and costs.”

Form FW-012, item 6d, and form FW-012-GC, item 8d

Item 6d on form FW-012 and item 8d on form FW-012-GC currently state that the court has modified an initial fee waiver because “the court finds that you obtained the initial fee waiver in bad faith, for an improper purpose, or to needlessly increase the costs of litigation.” However, the statute on which this item is based, section 68636(f), allows the court to consider whether “limitations should be placed on *court services* for which fees were initially waived” if the applicant “is obtaining *court services* in bad faith, or for an improper purpose such as to harass or cause unnecessary delay, or to needlessly increase the costs of litigation.” (Emphasis added.) Section 68636(f) does not discuss modifying or reducing the fee waiver itself in response to this conduct. The statutory authorization for granting a partial fee waiver comes from Government Code section 68636(d) and (e), and the only required predicate finding is that the applicant’s financial condition does not merit a full fee waiver.

The committees therefore propose revising items 6d and 8d on their respective forms to delete the current language and replace it with the language from item 5c on form FW-008, which implements section 68636(d) and (e). For the same reason, the committees propose deleting items 3b and 5b—which list “you may be increasing the costs of your case unnecessarily” as one basis for reconsideration of a fee waiver—from forms FW-011 and FW-011-GC, respectively.

Other revisions

For the reasons explained in the discussion of the request forms, the committees propose revising these order forms to standardize and update items 1 and 2 (applicant and attorney contact information), standardize the notice about informing the court of the applicant’s improved financial condition, and correct the notice about recovering \$10,000 or more.

The committees also propose revising several items on each of these forms to use plain language or improve clarity.

Notice forms (forms FW-005, FW-005-GC, FW-010, FW-010-GC, FW-011, and FW-011-GC)

In *Notice: Waiver of Court Fees (Superior Court)* (form FW-005), *Notice to Court of Improved Financial Condition* (form FW-010), and *Notice to Appear for Reconsideration of Fee Waiver* (form FW-011), the committees propose standardizing and updating items 1 and 2 (applicant and attorney contact information) and standardizing the language used to explain the requirement to inform the court of the applicant’s improved financial condition. The committees propose several other revisions to the notice forms, described below. In addition, PMHAC proposes revising the titles of forms FW-005-GC, FW-010-GC, and FW-011-GC to replace “(Ward or Conservatee)” with “(Guardian or Conservator)” and make other changes to indicate that the guardian, conservator, or petitioner is the recipient of the fee waiver.

Forms FW-005 and FW-005-GC

For the reasons explained in the discussion of the request and order forms, the committees propose revising forms FW-005 and FW-005-GC to correct the notice about recovering \$10,000 or more and clarify the list of waived fees. The committees also propose revising the introductory text in item 4 to improve clarity.

Form FW-006-GC

PMHAC proposes revising form FW-006-GC to replace “(Ward or Conservatee)” with “(Guardian or Conservator)” in the form title and make other technical and stylistic corrections.

Form FW-007-GC

PMHAC proposes revising form FW-007-GC to replace “(Ward or Conservatee)” with “(Guardian or Conservator)” in the form title, conform the certificate of service to the certificates in the other fee waiver notice and order forms, and make additional technical and stylistic corrections.

Forms FW-010 and FW-010-GC

The committees propose revising the notice boxes on forms FW-010 and FW-010-GC and the text of item 5 on form FW-010 to clarify that the fee waiver recipient must report any recovery of \$10,000 or more to the court. In addition, the committees propose a plain-language explanation of the term “recovery” and other revisions to improve clarity in item 5 on form FW-010 and additional revisions in item 7 of FW-010-GC.

The committees request specific comments on whether to change the names of forms FW-010 and FW-010-GC from *Notice to Court of Improved Financial Situation and Settlement* to *Notice to Court of Improved Financial Condition*. This change would use the “financial condition” language proposed for all the forms and correct the misstatement that the notice is required only for “settlement” and not any recovery. However, the committees note that as proposed, the form names do not refer to recovery in any way. Although a recovery in a civil case seems almost certain to improve the financial condition of a fee waiver recipient, omitting recovery from the form title might make it less clear to a recipient when they need to complete and file the form. The committees therefore seek comments on whether to keep “settlement” in the form name, change “settlement” to “recovery,” or omit both terms.

Forms FW-011 and FW-011-GC

The committees propose deleting item 3b from form FW-011 and item 5b from form FW-011-GC to properly implement section 68636(d) and (e), as explained above in the discussion of forms FW-012 and FW-012-GC. The committees also propose revising the clerk's certificate of service on these forms to move the check box for a certificate of mailing from its existing position on the first line of the certificate to a position below the check box that describes mailing, where it is located on all the other notice and order forms, as well as revising several items in the body of the forms to improve clarity.

Information sheets (forms APP-015/FW-015-INFO and FW-001-INFO)

For the reasons explained in the discussion of the request and order forms, the committees propose revising the appellate and trial court fee waiver information sheets (forms APP-015/FW-015-INFO and FW-001-INFO) to correct the notice about recovering \$10,000 or more, clarify the list of waived fees, and standardize the language used to explain the requirement to inform the court of the applicant's improved financial condition. The committees also propose revising both forms to update the references to the name of form FW-001-GC from *Request to Waive Court Fees (Ward or Conservatee)* to *Request to Waive Court Fees (Guardian or Conservator)* to align with the revisions to the name of that form proposed by PMHAC.

In addition, the committees propose revising both forms to better explain the term "Medi-Cal." CSCAC received a suggestion from a court to clarify that, for purposes of a request for a fee waiver, Medi-Cal does not include non-Medi-Cal insurance plans applied for through Covered California. The court explained that because the Covered California website can be used to apply for both Medi-Cal and other health insurance plans, applicants sometimes check the Medi-Cal box on form FW-001 when they have a non-Medi-Cal plan. This concern also applies to persons completing form FW-001-GC. The committees propose revising the Medi-Cal bullet point at the bottom of page 1 of form FW-001-INFO to add a parenthetical stating "does not include non-Medi-Cal plans from Covered California." On form APP-015/FW-015-INFO, the committees propose revising the first bullet point in item 1 to add the same language and to align the descriptions of food stamps and Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants with the descriptions used on form FW-001-INFO.

Finally, in item 3 on form APP-015/FW-015-INFO, the committees propose moving the bullet point about guardians and conservators so that it appears at the bottom of the list rather than in the middle of the list. Moving this point to the end of the list should make it clearer that form FW-001-GC should be used to apply for fee waivers in all the situations described in item 3.

California Rules of Court, rules 3.50, 3.51, 3.52, 3.53, 3.55, 7.5, and 8.26

The committees propose amending rule 3.50 to clarify which proceedings are jointly governed by the civil fee waiver rules and by rule 7.5, which imposes additional requirements in decedents' estate, guardianship, and conservatorship proceedings as well as proceedings in which a guardian or conservator represents the interest of the ward or conservatee.

The committees propose amending rule 3.51 to distinguish more clearly the application for an initial fee waiver under rule 3.55 from the application for a waiver of additional fees under rule 3.56 and, within those categories, who must use forms FW-001-GC and FW-002-GC to apply. The proposal would also place the clerk’s duty to provide the appropriate forms and the information sheet, form FW-001-INFO, in a separate subdivision (c) to clarify that the duty applies regardless of case type.

In addition, the committees propose amending rules 3.52, 3.53, and 8.26 to add or update cross-references to revised form titles in the guardianship/conservatorship series and conform to the law authorizing a court to grant a fee waiver to a guardian, conservator, or petitioner for their appointment.¹³

Finally, the committees propose amending rule 3.55 to add an assessment for a court investigation in a guardianship or conservatorship proceeding to the list of fees included in an initial fee waiver. Although section 68631 gives the council discretion to specify by rule the fees and costs included in an initial fee waiver, that statute expressly requires inclusion of assessments for guardianship and conservatorship investigations. The omission of those assessments from the fees listed in rule 3.55 could lead to the erroneous conclusion that an initial fee waiver did not include them. The committee also propose amending rule 3.55(7) to replace “telephone” with “phone or remote appearance” to reflect that rule 3.672(k)(2) prohibits courts from charging remote appearance fees to litigants with fee waivers.¹⁴

PMHAC also proposes amending rule 7.5 to:

- Clarify the scope of its application;
- Authorize multiple petitioners who file a joint petition for appointment of a guardian or conservator of the same ward or conservatee to file a joint request for an initial fee waiver in that proceeding;
- Clarify the factors the court will consider when determining a request for an initial fee waiver in a guardianship or conservatorship proceeding;
- More effectively distinguish fee waivers for personal representatives of decedents’ estates and petitioners for their appointment from fee waivers for guardians, conservators, and petitioners for their appointment; and
- Reorganize and simplify other provisions in the rule.

¹³ The committees also propose repealing paragraph (6) of rule 3.52, which provides an exception that expired on December 31, 2015.

¹⁴ Rule 3.672 implements Code of Civil Procedure section 367.75, which sunsets on January 1, 2027. If the Legislature decides not to extend the sunset date, then depending on when that decision is known, the proposed revisions related to rule 3.672 will either be removed from the proposal or will be removed from the forms as part of a separate proposal.

Alternatives Considered

The advisory committees did not consider the alternative of taking no action at all because some form revisions are needed to comply with SB 54. To the extent the proposed revisions are not required by the terms of SB 54 or other provisions of existing law, the committees considered not proposing them but ultimately determined the proposed changes are warranted in light of the benefits they will provide to the courts and court users.

Fiscal and Operational Impacts

The statutory changes will require training of court staff and judicial officers. The revised forms are intended to facilitate courts' and parties' implementation of both existing and amended law and will require education and possibly changes to computerized case management systems.

Request for Specific Comments

In addition to comments on the proposal as a whole, the advisory committees are interested in comments on the following:

- Does the proposal appropriately address the stated purpose?
- Should “settlement” remain in the name of forms FW-010 and FW-010-GC, be changed to “recovery,” or be omitted as proposed?

The advisory committees also seek comments from *courts* on the following cost and implementation matters:

- Would the proposal provide cost savings? If so, please quantify.
- What would the implementation requirements be for courts—for example, training staff (please identify position and expected hours of training), revising processes and procedures (please describe), changing docket codes in case management systems, or modifying case management systems?
- Would two months from Judicial Council approval of this proposal until its effective date provide sufficient time for implementation?
- How well would this proposal work in courts of different sizes?

Attachments and Links

1. Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.50, 3.51, 3.52, 3.53, 3.55, 7.5, and 8.26, at pages 12–24
2. Forms APP-015/FW-015-INFO, APP-016/FW-016, APP-016-GC/FW-016-GC, FW-001, FW-001-GC, FW-001-INFO, FW-002, FW-002-GC, FW-003, FW-003-GC, FW-005, FW-005-GC, FW-006-GC, FW-007-GC, FW-008, FW-008-GC, FW-010, FW-010-GC, FW-011, FW-011-GC, FW-012, and FW-012-GC, at pages 25–73
3. Link A: Senate Bill 54,
leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB54

Rules 3.50, 3.51, 3.52, 3.53, 3.55, 7.5, and 8.26 of the California Rules of Court would be amended, effective January 1, 2027, to read:

1 **Rule 3.50. Application of rules**

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3 **(a) Application**

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5 The rules in this division govern applications in the trial court for an initial waiver
6 of court fees and costs because of the applicant’s financial condition. As provided
7 in Government Code sections 68631 and following, any waiver may later be ended,
8 modified, or retroactively withdrawn if the court determines that the applicant is
9 not eligible for the waiver. As provided in Government Code sections 68636 and
10 68637, the court may, at a later time, determine that the previously waived fees and
11 costs must be paid.

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13 **(b) Definitions**

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15 For purpose of the rules in this division, “initial fee waiver” means the initial
16 waiver of court fees and costs that may be granted at any stage of the proceedings
17 and includes both the fees and costs specified in rule 3.55 and any additional fees
18 and costs specified in rule 3.56.

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20 **(c) Probate fee waivers**

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22 Initial fee waivers in decedents’ estate, ~~probate~~ conservatorship, and ~~probate~~
23 guardianship proceedings or ~~involving in~~ other actions or proceedings in which
24 appointed guardians or conservators ~~as parties on behalf~~ represent the interests of
25 their wards or conservatees are also governed by rule 7.5.

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28 **Rule 3.51. Application for initial fee waiver ~~Method of application~~**

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30 **(a) Applications under rule 3.55**

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32 An application for an initial fee waiver under rule 3.55 must be made on *Request to*
33 *Waive Court Fees* (form FW-001). ~~An application for initial fee waiver under rule~~
34 ~~3.56 must be made on *Request to Waive Additional Court Fees (Superior*~~
35 ~~*Court)* (form FW-002). The clerk must provide the forms and the *Information Sheet*~~
36 ~~*on Waiver of Superior Court Fees and Costs* (form FW-001-INFO) without charge~~
37 ~~to any person who requests any fee waiver application or indicates that he or she is~~
38 ~~unable to pay any court fee or cost., except that *Request to Waive Court Fees*~~
39 ~~*(Guardian or Conservator)* (form FW-001-GC) must be used for an application for~~
40 an initial fee waiver under rules 3.55 and 7.5 by a person who files a petition for
41 appointment of a guardian or conservator in a guardianship or conservatorship

1 proceeding or who files a pleading in any proceeding as an appointed guardian or
2 conservator representing the interests of the ward or conservatee.

3
4 **(b) Applications involving (proposed) wards and conservatees Applications under**
5 **rule 3.56**

6
7 An application for initial fee waiver under rules 3.55 and 7.5 by a probate guardian
8 or probate conservator or a petitioner for the appointment of a probate guardian or
9 probate conservator for the benefit of a (proposed) ward or conservatee, in the
10 guardianship or conservatorship proceeding or in a civil action or proceeding in
11 which the guardian or conservator is a party on behalf of the ward or conservatee,
12 must be made on *Request to Waive Court Fees (Ward or Conservatee)* (form FW-
13 001-GC). An application for initial fee waiver under rule 3.56 by a guardian or
14 conservator or a petitioner for the appointment of a guardian or conservator for the
15 benefit of a (proposed) ward or conservatee must be made on *Request to Waive*
16 *Additional Court Fees (Superior Court) (Ward or Conservatee)* (form FW-002-
17 GC). An application under rule 3.56 for waiver of additional fees must be made on
18 *Request to Waive Additional Court Fees (Superior Court)* (form FW-002), except
19 that *Request to Waive Court Fees (Guardian or Conservator)* (form FW-001-GC)
20 must be used for an application under rule 3.56 for waiver of additional fees by a
21 person who files a petition for appointment of a guardian or conservator in a
22 guardianship or conservatorship proceeding or files a pleading in any proceeding as
23 an appointed guardian or conservator representing the interests of the ward or
24 conservatee.

25
26 **(c) Availability of forms**

27
28 The clerk must provide the appropriate forms and the *Information Sheet on Waiver*
29 *of Superior Court Fees and Costs* (form FW-001-INFO) without charge to any
30 person who requests any fee waiver application or indicates an inability to pay any
31 court fee or cost.

32
33
34 **Rule 3.52. Procedure for determining application for initial fee waiver**

35
36 The procedure for determining an application for an initial fee waiver is as follows:

- 37
38 (1) The trial court must consider and determine the application as required by
39 Government Code sections 68634 and 68635.
40
41 (2) An order determining an application ~~for an initial fee waiver~~ without a hearing
42 must be made on *Order on Court Fee Waiver (Superior Court)* (form FW-003) or,
43 if the application is made ~~for the benefit of a (proposed) ward or conservatee,~~ by a

1 person who files a petition for appointment of a guardian or conservator in a
2 guardianship or conservatorship proceeding or who files a pleading in any
3 proceeding as an appointed guardian or conservator representing the interests of the
4 ward or conservatee, on Order on Court Fee Waiver (Superior Court) (~~Ward or~~
5 ~~Conservatee) (Guardian or Conservator)~~ (form FW-003-GC), ~~except as provided~~
6 ~~in (6) below.~~

7
8 (3) An order determining an application ~~for an initial fee waiver~~ after a hearing in the
9 trial court must be made on *Order on Court Fee Waiver After Hearing (Superior*
10 *Court)* (form FW-008) or, if the application is made ~~for the benefit of a (proposed)~~
11 ~~ward or conservatee, by a person who files a petition for appointment of a guardian~~
12 or conservator in a guardianship or conservatorship proceeding or who files a
13 pleading in any proceeding as an appointed guardian or conservator representing
14 the interests of the ward or conservatee, on Order on Court Fee Waiver After
15 Hearing (Superior Court) (~~Ward or Conservatee) (Guardian or Conservator)~~ (form
16 FW-008-GC).

17
18 (4) Any order granting a fee waiver must be accompanied by a blank *Notice to Court*
19 *of Improved Financial Situation or Settlement Condition* (form FW-010) or, if the
20 application is made ~~for the benefit of a (proposed) ward or conservatee, by a person~~
21 who files a petition for appointment of a guardian or conservator in a guardianship
22 or conservatorship proceeding or who files a pleading in any proceeding as an
23 appointed guardian or conservator representing the interests of the ward or
24 conservatee, a Notice to Court of Improved Financial Situation or Settlement
25 (~~Ward or Conservatee) Condition (Guardian or Conservator)~~ (form FW-010(-GC).
26

27 (5) Any order denying an application without a hearing on the ground that the
28 information on the application conclusively establishes that the applicant is not
29 eligible for a waiver must be accompanied by a blank *Request for Hearing About*
30 *Fee Waiver Order (Superior Court)* (form FW-006) or, if the application is made
31 ~~for the benefit of a (proposed) ward or conservatee, by a person who files a petition~~
32 for appointment of a guardian or conservator in a guardianship or conservatorship
33 proceeding or who files a pleading in any proceeding as an appointed guardian or
34 conservator representing the interests of the ward or conservatee, a Request for
35 Hearing About Court Fee Waiver Order (Superior Court) (~~Ward or Conservatee)~~
36 (~~Guardian or Conservator)~~ (form FW-006-GC).
37

38 (6) ~~Until January 1, 2016, a court with a computerized case management system may~~
39 ~~produce electronically generated court fee waiver orders as long as:~~

40
41 (A) ~~The document is substantively identical to the mandatory Judicial Council~~
42 ~~form it is replacing;~~
43

1 (B) ~~Any electronically generated form is identical in both language and legally~~
2 ~~mandated elements, including all notices and advisements, to the mandatory~~
3 ~~Judicial Council form it is replacing; and~~

4
5 (C) ~~The order is an otherwise legally sufficient court order, as provided in rule~~
6 ~~1.31(g), concerning orders not on Judicial Council mandatory forms.~~

7
8
9 **Rule 3.53. Application granted unless acted on by the court**

10
11 The application for an initial fee waiver is deemed granted unless the court gives notice
12 of action on the application within five court days after it is filed. If the application is
13 deemed granted under this provision, the clerk must prepare and serve a *Notice: Waiver*
14 *of Court Fees (Superior Court)* (form FW-005) or, if the application is made ~~for the~~
15 ~~benefit of a (proposed) ward or conservatee, by a person who files a petition for~~
16 appointment of a guardian or conservator in a guardianship or conservatorship
17 proceeding or files a pleading in any proceeding as an appointed guardian or conservator
18 representing the interests of the ward or conservatee, a *Notice: Waiver of Court Fees*
19 *(Superior Court) (Ward or Conservatee) (Guardian or Conservator)* (form FW-005-GC);
20 five court days after the application is filed.

21
22
23 **Rule 3.55. Court fees and costs included in all initial fee waivers**

24
25 Court fees and costs that must be waived upon granting an application for an initial fee
26 waiver include:

27
28 (1)–(6) * * *

29
30 (7) The court fee for a ~~telephone~~ phone or remote appearance;

31
32 (8) * * *

33
34 (9) The fee under rule 8.130(b) or rule 8.834(b) for the court to hold in trust the deposit
35 for a reporter’s transcript on appeal; ~~and~~

36
37 (10) The clerk’s fee for preparing a transcript of an official electronic recording under
38 rule 8.835 or a copy of such an electronic recording- ; and

39
40 (11) The assessment for court investigations in a probate guardianship or
41 conservatorship proceeding.

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2
3 **Rule 7.5. Waivers of court fees in decedents' estates, conservatorships, and**
4 **guardianships**

5
6 **(a) Scope of rule**

7
8 ~~This rule governs initial fee waivers, as defined in rule 3.50(b), that are requested~~
9 ~~by petitioners for the appointment of fiduciaries, or by fiduciaries after their~~
10 ~~appointment, in decedents' estates, conservatorships, and guardianships under the~~
11 ~~Probate Code. The rule also governs initial fee waivers in other civil actions or~~
12 ~~proceedings in which conservators or guardians are parties representing the~~
13 ~~interests of their conservatees or wards.~~

14
15 (1) This rule governs a request for an initial fee waiver by:

16
17 (A) A person who files a petition for appointment of a personal
18 representative in a decedent's estate proceeding, a guardian in a
19 guardianship proceeding, or a conservator in a conservatorship
20 proceeding;

21
22 (B) An appointed personal representative who files a pleading or other
23 paper in a decedent's estate proceeding; and

24
25 (C) An appointed guardian or conservator who files a pleading in a
26 proceeding in which they represent the interests of the ward or
27 conservatee.

28
29 (2) If multiple petitioners file a joint petition for appointment of a guardian or
30 conservator of the same ward or conservatee, they may also file a joint
31 request for an initial fee waiver in the same proceeding.

32
33 **(b) ~~Court fee~~ Fee waiver requested by a petitioner for the appointment of a**
34 **conservator or guardian of the person, estate, or person and estate of a**
35 **conservatee or ward**

36
37 (1) A The court will base the determination of an application for an initial fee
38 waiver by a petitioner for the appointment of a conservator or guardian of the
39 person, estate, or person and estate of a conservatee or ward must base an
40 application for an initial fee waiver on the personal financial condition of the
41 proposed conservatee or ward.
42

1 (2) The financial condition of the conservatee or ward for purposes of this rule
2 includes:

3
4 (A) The financial condition—to the extent known to or reasonably
5 ascertainable by the conservator or guardian or petitioner for a
6 conservator’s or guardian’s appointment—of any person who has a
7 legal duty to support the conservatee or ward, including a spouse,
8 registered domestic partner, or parent, subject to the following limits.

9
10 (i) A divorced spouse’s or divorced registered domestic partner’s
11 legal duty to support a conservatee under this subparagraph is
12 limited to the amount of support ordered by a court.

13
14 (ii) If a court has ordered one or both parents to pay for the ward’s
15 support, the legal duty of the parent or parents subject to the
16 order is limited to the amount ordered.

17
18 (iii) Consideration of the effect of a support order on a conservatee’s
19 or ward’s financial condition is subject to Government Code
20 section 68637(d)–(e).

21
22 (B) A conservatee’s interest in community property that is outside the
23 conservatorship estate and under the management or control of the
24 conservatee’s spouse or registered domestic partner.

25
26 (C) The right to receive support, income, or other distributions from a trust
27 or under a contract.

28
29 (3) Following appointment of a conservator or guardian and the grant of an
30 initial fee waiver, the conservator or guardian is the “person who received the
31 initial fee waiver” for purposes of Government Code section 68636(a) even if
32 the conservator or guardian was not the petitioner for the initial waiver.

33
34 (4) The appointed conservator or guardian must report to the court any change in
35 the financial condition of the conservatee or ward that improves the ability to
36 pay all or a portion of the fees and costs that were initially waived, including
37 any changes to the financial condition of the persons or property mentioned
38 in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (2) of this subdivision, of which
39 the conservator or guardian becomes aware after reasonable investigation.

40
41 (c) **Court fee Fee waiver requested by a petitioner for the appointment of a**
42 **personal representative of a decedent’s estate**

1 A The court will base the determination of an application for an initial fee waiver
2 by a petitioner for the appointment of a personal representative of a decedent's
3 estate must base an application for an initial fee waiver on the petitioner's personal
4 own financial condition.

5
6 **(d) Effect of appointment of a personal representative of a decedent's estate on a**
7 **court eligibility for initial fee waiver**

8
9 The appointment of a personal representative of a decedent's estate may be a
10 change of financial condition affecting a petitioner's eligibility for an initial fee
11 waiver purposes under Government Code section 68636 in accordance with the
12 following:

13
14 (1) If the ~~successful~~ petitioner is ~~an~~ appointed as personal representative:

15
16 (A) The petitioner's continued eligibility for ~~an initial a~~ fee waiver ~~must be~~
17 is based on the combined financial condition of the petitioner and the
18 decedent's estate.

19
20 (B) Upon marshaling or collecting assets of the decedent's estate following
21 the petitioner's appointment and qualification as personal
22 representative, the petitioner must notify the court of a change in
23 financial condition under Government Code section 68636(a) that may
24 affect ~~his or her~~ the petitioner's ability to pay all or a portion of the
25 waived ~~court~~ fees and costs.

26
27 (C) The court may make a preliminary determination under Government
28 Code section 68636(b) that the petitioner's appointment as ~~fiduciary~~
29 personal representative is a change of financial condition that makes
30 the petitioner no longer eligible for an initial fee waiver based, in whole
31 or in part, on the estimates of estate value and income contained in the
32 petitioner's *Petition for Probate*. In that event, the court must give
33 notice and conduct the hearing required by section 68636(b).

34
35 (D) If the court withdraws an initial fee waiver under Government Code
36 section 68636, the petitioner must pay the previously waived fees and
37 costs. The petitioner may recover the fees and costs paid to the court as
38 an allowable expense of estate administration.

39
40 (2) If someone other than the ~~successful~~ petitioner is ~~not an~~ appointed as
41 personal representative:
42

1 (A) An initial fee waiver for ~~that~~ the unappointed petitioner continues
2 remains in effect according to its terms for subsequent fees incurred by
3 that petitioner in the proceeding solely in ~~his or her~~ their individual
4 capacity.

5
6 (B) The appointed personal representative may apply for an initial fee
7 waiver. ~~The application must be~~ The personal representative's
8 eligibility for a waiver is based on the combined financial condition of
9 the personal representative and the decedent's estate.

10
11 **(e) Financial condition of the conservatee or ward**

12
13 ~~(1) The financial condition of the conservatee or ward for purposes of this rule~~
14 ~~includes:~~

15
16 ~~(A) The financial condition to the extent of the information known or~~
17 ~~reasonably available to the conservator or guardian, or the petitioner for~~
18 ~~the conservator's or guardian's appointment, upon reasonable~~
19 ~~inquiry of any person who has a duty to support the conservatee or~~
20 ~~ward, including a spouse, registered domestic partner, or parent. A~~
21 ~~divorced spouse's or divorced registered domestic partner's duty to~~
22 ~~support a conservatee and a parent's duty to support a ward under this~~
23 ~~subparagraph is limited to the amount of support ordered by a court.~~
24 ~~Consideration of a support order as an element of the conservatee's or~~
25 ~~ward's financial condition under this rule is subject to the provisions of~~
26 ~~Government Code sections 68637(d) and (e), concerning the likelihood~~
27 ~~that the obligated person will pay all or any portion of the support~~
28 ~~ordered by the court;~~

29
30 ~~(B) A conservatee's interest in community property that is outside the~~
31 ~~conservatorship estate and under the management or control of the~~
32 ~~conservatee's spouse or registered domestic partner; and~~

33
34 ~~(C) The right to receive support, income, or other distributions from a trust~~
35 ~~or under a contract.~~

36
37 ~~(2) Following the appointment of a conservator or guardian and the grant of an~~
38 ~~initial fee waiver based on the financial condition of the conservatee or ward,~~
39 ~~the conservator or guardian is the "person who received the initial fee~~
40 ~~waiver" for purposes of Government Code section 68636(a), whether or not~~
41 ~~he or she was the successful applicant for the initial waiver. The conservator~~
42 ~~or guardian must report to the court any changes in the financial condition of~~
43 ~~the conservatee or ward that affects his or her ability to pay all or a portion of~~

1 the court fees and costs that were initially waived, including any changes in
2 the financial condition of the persons or property mentioned in subparagraphs
3 (1)(A) and (1)(B) of this subdivision, of which the conservator or guardian
4 becomes aware after reasonable investigation.
5

6 **(f)(e) Additional discretionary factors in the that may affect financial condition or**
7 **circumstances of a decedent's, conservatee's, or ward's estate**
8

9 (1) The court may also consider the following factors in determining whether the
10 financial condition of the decedent's, conservatee's, or ward's estate for
11 purposes of this rule may, in the court's discretion, include consideration of:
12 condition of the estate warrants granting a petitioner or an appointed personal
13 representative, guardian, or conservator an initial fee waiver under
14 Government Code section 68632(c) or (d).
15

16 (A) The estate's liquidity of any estate to be managed by the appointed
17 fiduciary;
18

19 (B) Whether estate property or income is necessary for the support of
20 would normally pay for the basic needs of:
21

22 (i) a person entitled to a family allowance from the estate of a the
23 decedent;
24

25 (ii) the conservatee or a person entitled to support from the estate of
26 the conservatee; or
27

28 (iii) the ward; or
29

30 (C) Whether property in a decedent's estate is specifically devised.
31

32 (2) If property of the estate is eliminated from consideration for initial court fee
33 waiver purposes because of one or more of the factors listed in (1), the court
34 may determine that the estate can pay a portion of court fees, can pay court
35 fees over time, or can pay court fees at a later time, under an equitable
36 arrangement within the meaning of Government Code sections 68632(c) and
37 68634(e)(5). An equitable arrangement under this paragraph Government
38 Code sections 68632(c) and 68634(e)(5) may include establishment of a lien
39 for initially waived court fees against property distributable from a
40 decedent's estate or property payable to the a conservatee or ward or other
41 successor in interest at the termination of a conservatorship or guardianship.
42

1 **(g) ~~Payment of previously waived court fees by a decedent's estate~~**
2

3 If the ~~financial condition of a decedent's estate is a change of financial condition of~~
4 ~~a fee waiver applicant under this rule that results in withdrawal of a previously~~
5 ~~granted initial waiver of fees in favor of a petitioner for the appointment of a~~
6 ~~personal representative, the estate must pay to the court, as an allowable expense of~~
7 ~~administration, the fees and costs previously waived.~~
8

9 **~~(h)~~(f) Termination or modification of ~~previously granted~~ initial fee waivers**
10

11 (1) *Conservatorships and guardianships of the estate or person and estate*
12

13 ~~Upon establishment of a conservatorship or guardianship of the estate or~~
14 ~~person and estate, the court may collect all or a portion of court fees~~
15 ~~previously waived from the estate of the conservatee or ward if the court~~
16 ~~finds that the estate has the ability to pay the fees, or a portion thereof,~~
17 ~~immediately, over a period of time, or under some other equitable agreement,~~
18 ~~without using moneys that normally would pay for the common necessities~~
19 ~~of life for the conservatee or ward and his or her family. The court must~~
20 ~~comply with the notice and hearing requirements of the second paragraph of~~
21 ~~Government Code section 68634(e)(5) to make the findings authorized in this~~
22 ~~paragraph. Appointment of a conservator or guardian of the estate or the~~
23 ~~person and estate may be a change in financial condition that affects the~~
24 ~~ability to pay all or a portion of initially waived fees or costs that triggers the~~
25 ~~application of Government Code section 68636.~~
26

27 (2) *Conservatorships and guardianships of the person*
28

29 ~~In a conservatorship or guardianship of the person, if the court seeks to~~
30 ~~reconsider or modify a court fee waiver previously granted based on~~
31 ~~collection, application, or consideration of support, assets, or income~~
32 ~~described in (e), If the court obtains information that gives it a reason to~~
33 ~~reconsider an initial fee waiver in a guardianship or conservatorship of the~~
34 ~~person but not of the estate, it must proceed as provided in Government Code~~
35 ~~section 68636, and comply with the notice and hearing requirements of the~~
36 ~~second paragraph of Government Code section 68634(e)(5), including giving~~
37 ~~notice to the conservator or guardian, any support obligor, and any person in~~
38 ~~possession of the assets or income described in (b)(2). The conservator or~~
39 ~~guardian must appear at the hearing, on behalf of the conservatee or ward,~~
40 ~~and the court may also appoint counsel for the conservatee or ward under~~
41 ~~Probate Code section 1470.~~
42

1 **~~(f)(g)~~ Civil actions Actions or proceedings in which a conservator or guardian is a**
2 **party representing represents the interests of a conservatee or ward**

3
4 In a civil ~~an~~ action or proceeding in which a conservator or guardian ~~is a party~~
5 ~~representing~~ represents the interests of a conservatee or ward ~~against another party~~
6 ~~or parties~~, for purposes of Government Code sections 68631.5, 68636, and 68637:

- 7
8 (1) The conservator or guardian is the person with a duty to notify the court of a
9 change of financial condition under section 68636(a) and the person the court
10 may require to appear at a ~~court~~ hearing under sections 68636(b) ~~and or~~ (c);
11 and
12
13 (2) The conservatee or ward and the persons identified in subparagraphs ~~(1)(A)~~
14 and (B) of paragraph (2) of subdivision ~~(e) of this rule (b)~~ is the person or
15 persons whose change of financial condition ~~or circumstances of which~~ the
16 court is to be notified of under section 68636(a); ~~and~~
17
18 ~~(3) The conservatee or ward is the person or party whose initial fees and costs~~
19 ~~were initially waived under sections 68636(c) and 68637.~~

20
21 **~~(j)(h)~~ Advances of ~~court~~ fees and costs by legal counsel**

- 22
23 (1) Government Code section 68633(g)—concerning agreements ~~between~~
24 ~~applicants for initial court fee waivers and their legal counsel for counsel to~~
25 ~~advance court fees and costs and court hearings to determine the effect of the~~
26 ~~presence or absence of such agreements on the applications~~ that counsel will
27 advance litigation costs—applies to proceedings described in this rule.
28
29 (2) Conservators, guardians, and petitioners for their appointment applying for
30 initial fee waivers ~~under this rule~~ who are represented by legal counsel, and
31 their counsel, must complete the *Request to Waive Court Fees (Ward or*
32 *Conservatee) (Guardian or Conservator)* (form FW-001-GC), including
33 items 2a and 2b, and, if a request to waive additional ~~court~~ fees is made, the
34 *Request to Waive Additional Court Fees (Superior Court) (Ward or*
35 *Conservatee) (Guardian or Conservator)* (form FW-002-GC), including
36 items 2a and 2b. ~~The reference to “legal aid type services” in these forms~~
37 ~~refers to legal services provided to an applicant by counsel for or affiliated~~
38 ~~with a qualified legal services project defined in Business and Professions~~
39 ~~Code section 6213.~~

40
41 **~~(k)(i)~~ Expiration of initial ~~court~~ fee waivers in decedents’ estates, conservatorships,**
42 **and guardianships**

1 For purposes of determining the date of expiration of an initial fee waiver under
2 Government Code section 68639, “Final disposition of the case” in decedent’s
3 estates, conservatorships, and guardianships proceedings for purposes of
4 determining the expiration of fee waivers under Government Code section 68639
5 occurs on the later of the following events:

- 6
- 7 (1) Termination of the proceedings a conservatorship or guardianship of the
8 person by order of court or under operation of law ~~in conservatorships and~~
9 ~~guardianships of the person;~~ or
- 10
- 11 (2) ~~Discharge~~ Final discharge of the personal representatives of a decedent’s
12 ~~estates and discharge of~~ or a conservators or guardians of the estates.
- 13
- 14

15 **Rule 8.26. Waiver of fees and costs**

16

17 **(a) Application form**

18

19 An application for initial waiver of court fees and costs in the Supreme Court or
20 Court of Appeal must be made on *Request to Waive Court Fees* (form FW-001) or,
21 if the application is made for the benefit of a (proposed) ward or conservatee, on
22 *Request to Waive Court Fees (Ward or Conservatee) (Guardian or Conservator)*
23 (form FW-001-GC). The clerk must provide *Request to Waive Court Fees* (form
24 FW-001) or *Request to Waive Court Fees (Ward or Conservatee) (Guardian or*
25 *Conservator)* (form FW-001-GC) and the *Information Sheet on Waiver of Fees and*
26 *Costs (Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, or Appellate Division)* (form APP-
27 015/FW-015-INFO) without charge to any person who requests any fee waiver
28 application or states that he or she is unable to pay any court fee or cost.

29

30 **(b) * * ***

31

32 **(c) Procedure for determining application**

33

34 The application must be considered and determined as required by Government
35 Code section 68634.5. An order from the Supreme Court or Court of Appeal
36 determining the application for initial fee waiver or setting a hearing on the
37 application in the Supreme Court or Court of Appeal may be made on *Order on*
38 *Court Fee Waiver (Court of Appeal or Supreme Court)* (form APP-016/FW-016)
39 or, if the application is made for the benefit of a (proposed) ward or conservatee, by
40 a person who, in the trial court, filed a petition for appointment of a guardian or
41 conservator or filed pleadings as an appointed guardian or conservator representing
42 the interests of a ward or conservatee, on *Order on Court Fee Waiver (Court of*

1 *Appeal or Supreme Court) (~~Ward or Conservatee~~) (Guardian or Conservator)*
2 *(form APP-016-GC/FW-016-GC).*

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4 **(d)–(g) * * ***

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Advisory Committee Comment

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8 **Subdivision (a). * * ***

9

10 **Subdivision (b)(1).** If an applicant is requesting waiver of both Court of Appeal fees, such as the
11 fee for filing the notice of appeal, and superior court fees, such as the fee for preparing,
12 certifying, copying, and transmitting the clerk’s transcript, the clerk of the superior court may ask
13 the applicant to provide two signed copies of *Request to Waive Court Fees* (form FW-001) or, if
14 applicable, *Request to Waive Court Fees (Guardian or Conservator)* (form FW-001-GC).

15

16 **Subdivision (e). * * ***

INFORMATION SHEET ON WAIVER OF APPELLATE COURT FEES— SUPREME COURT, COURT OF APPEAL, APPELLATE DIVISION

If you file an appeal, a petition for a writ, or a petition for review in a civil case, such as a family law case or a case where you sued someone or someone sued you, you usually have to pay a filing fee to the court. If you are not the party who filed the appeal or the petition, you usually have to pay a fee when you file your first document in a case in the Court of Appeal or Supreme Court. You and the other parties in the case may also have to pay other court fees in these proceedings, such as fees to prepare or get a copy of a clerk's transcript in an appeal. However, if you cannot afford to pay, you may ask the court to waive (decide that you do not have to pay) these fees and costs.

1. Who can get their court fees waived? The court will waive your court fees and costs if:

- **You are getting public assistance**, such as Medi-Cal (does not include non-Medi-Cal plans from Covered California); food stamps (California Food Assistance Program, CalFresh Program, or SNAP); Supplemental Security Income (not Social Security); State Supplemental Payment; County Relief/General Assistance; In-Home Supportive Services; CalWORKS; Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; Cash Assistance Program for Aged, Blind, and Disabled Legal Immigrants (CAPI); Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC Program); or unemployment compensation.
- **You have a low income level.** Under the law, you are considered low-income if the gross monthly income (before deductions for taxes) of your household is less than the amount listed below:

Family Size	Family Income	Family Size	Family Income	Family Size	Family Income	<i>If your household is larger than 6 people, add \$946.67 for each extra person.</i>
1	\$2,660.00	3	\$4,553.33	5	\$6,446.67	
2	\$3,606.67	4	\$5,500.00	6	\$7,393.33	

- **You do not have enough income to pay for your household's basic needs and your court fees.**

2. What fees and costs will the court waive?

If you qualify, the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, or Appellate Division will waive the following fees:

- Fees for filing the notice of appeal, petition for a writ, petition for review, or the first document filed by a party other than the party who filed the appeal or petition
- Court fees for phone hearings and remote appearances

The trial court will waive the following fees and costs:

- Court fees for preparing and certifying the clerk's transcript on appeal and related costs
- Court fees for holding in trust the deposit for a reporter's transcript on appeal under rule 8.130 or 8.834
- Court fees for making a transcript or copy of an official electronic recording under rule 8.835
- For appellants, the deposit required under Government Code section 68926.1
- For respondents, the costs for sending you a copy of the clerk's transcript

You can also ask the trial court to waive other necessary court fees and costs. The court **cannot** waive the fees for preparing a reporter's transcript in a civil case. The Transcript Reimbursement Fund may help pay for the transcript. (For more information, see courtreportersboard.ca.gov/trf/index.shtml and Business and Professions Code sections 8030.2 and following.) If you are unable to pay the cost of a reporter's transcript, a record of the oral proceedings can be prepared in other ways, by preparing an agreed statement or possibly a statement on appeal or settled statement.

3. How do I ask the court to waive my fees?

- **Appeal in Limited Civil Case (civil case in which the amount of money claimed is \$35,000 or less).** In a limited civil case, if the trial court already issued an order waiving your court fees and that fee waiver has not ended (fee waivers automatically end 60 days after the judgment), the fees and costs identified in item 2 above are already waived; just give the court a copy of your current fee waiver. If you do not already have an order waiving your fees or you had a fee waiver but it has ended, you must complete and file form FW-001 (*Request to Waive Court Fees*). If you are the appellant (the party who is appealing), you should check both boxes in item 4 on form FW-001 and file the completed form with your notice of appeal. If you are the respondent (a party other than the appellant in a case that is being appealed), the completed form should be filed in the court when the fees you are requesting to be waived, such as the fee for the clerk's transcript or telephonic oral argument, are due.



- **Writ Proceeding in Limited Civil Case (civil case in which the amount of money claimed is \$35,000 or less).**
If you want the Superior Court to waive the fees in a writ proceeding in a limited civil case, you must complete form FW-001 (*Request to Waive Court Fees*). In item 4 on form FW-001, check the second box. The completed form should be filed with your petition for a writ.
- **Appeal in Other Civil Cases.** If you want the court to waive fees and costs in an appeal in a civil case other than a limited civil case, such as a family law case or an unlimited civil case (a civil case in which the amount of money claimed is more than \$35,000), you must complete form FW-001 (*Request to Waive Court Fees*). In item 4 on form FW-001, check the second box to ask the Court of Appeal to waive the fee for filing the notice of appeal or, if you are a respondent (a party other than the one who filed the appeal), the fee for the first document you file in the Court of Appeal. Check both boxes if you also want the trial court to waive your costs for the clerk's transcript (if the trial court already issued an order waiving your fees *and that fee waiver has not ended*, you do not need to check the first box; the fees and costs identified in item 2 above are already waived, just give the court a copy of your current fee waiver). If you are the appellant, the completed form should be submitted with your notice of appeal (if you check both boxes in item 4, the court may ask for two signed copies of this form). If you are the respondent, the completed form should be submitted at the time the fee you are asking the court to waive is due. For example, file the form in the trial court with your request for a copy of the clerk's transcript if you are asking the court to waive the transcript fee or file the form in the Court of Appeal with the first document you file in that court if you are asking the court to waive the fee for filing that document. To request waiver of a court fee for telephonic oral argument, you should file the completed form in the Court of Appeal when the fee for telephonic oral argument is due.
- **Writ Proceeding in Other Civil Cases.** If you want the Supreme Court or Court of Appeal to waive the fees and costs in a writ proceeding in a civil case other than a limited civil case, such as a family law case or an unlimited civil case (a civil case in which the amount of money claimed is more than \$35,000), you must complete form FW-001 (*Request to Waive Court Fees*). If you are the petitioner (the party filing the petition), the completed form should be submitted with your petition for a writ in the Supreme Court or Court of Appeal clerk's office. If you are a party other than the petitioner, the completed form should be filed with the first document you file in the Supreme Court or Court of Appeal.
- **Petition for Review.** If you want to request that the Supreme Court waive the fees in a petition for review proceeding, you must complete form FW-001 (*Request to Waive Court Fees*). If you are the petitioner, you should submit the completed form with your petition for review. If you are a party other than the petitioner, the completed form should be filed with the first document you file in the Supreme Court.
- **If You Are a Guardian or Conservator.** If you are a guardian or conservator or a petitioner for the appointment of a guardian or conservator, special rules apply to your request for a fee waiver on an appeal from an order in the guardianship or conservatorship proceeding or in a civil case in which you are acting on behalf of your ward or conservatee. Complete and submit form FW-001-GC (*Request to Waive Court Fees (Guardian or Conservator)*) to request a fee waiver. See California Rules of Court, rule 7.5.

Important Information!

- **Fill out your request completely and truthfully.** When you sign your request for a fee waiver, you are declaring under penalty of perjury that the information you have provided is true and correct.
- **The court may ask you for information and evidence.** You may be ordered to go to court to answer questions about your ability to pay court fees and costs and to provide proof of eligibility. Any initial fee waiver you are granted may be ended if you do not go to court when asked. You may be ordered to repay amounts that were waived if the court finds you were not eligible for the fee waiver.
- **If you receive a fee waiver, you must tell the court if there is a change in your finances.** You must tell the court immediately if your **financial condition** improves or if you become able to pay court fees or costs during this case (file form FW-010 with the court). You may be ordered to repay any amounts that were waived after your eligibility ended. **If your case is a civil case and you recover \$10,000 or more by settling the case or otherwise**, the trial court will have a lien on the **recovery** in the amount of the waived fees.
- **The fee waiver ends.** The fee waiver expires 60 days after the judgment, dismissal, or other final disposition of the case or when the court finds that you are not eligible for a fee waiver.

Order on Court Fee Waiver (Court of Appeal or Supreme Court)

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1 Person who asked the court to waive its fees: Name: Street or mailing address: City: State: Zip: Phone: Email:

2 Lawyer, if person in 1 has one Name: State Bar No: Firm or affiliation: Street or mailing address: City: State: Zip: Phone: Email:

3 On (date): you filed form FW-001 (Request to Waive Court Fees).

4 The court has reviewed your request and makes the following order: a. The court grants your request and waives the court fees and costs listed below. You do not have to pay fees for the following: Filing notice of appeal, petition for writ, or petition for review Other (specify):

Fill in court name and street address:

Court of Appeal or Supreme Court Case Number:

Court fills in case number when form is filed.

This fee waiver expires 60 days after the judgment, dismissal, or other final disposition of your case. (Gov. Code, § 68639.)

b. The court denies your request for the following reasons: (1) Your request is incomplete. You have 10 days from the date of service of this order (provided at the bottom of page 2) to either: Pay your fees and costs, or File a new revised request that includes the items listed below (specify incomplete items):

(2) The information you provided on the request shows that you are not eligible for the fee waiver you requested (specify reasons):

You have 10 days from the date of service of this order (provided at the bottom of page 2) to either: Pay your fees and costs, or File more information that shows you are eligible.

(3) The court finds there is substantial question regarding your eligibility (describe issue regarding eligibility):

You have 10 days from the date of service of this order (provided at the bottom of page 2) to either: Pay your fees and costs, or File the following additional documents to support your request:

Warning! Your appeal may be dismissed if you miss the deadline for paying your fees and costs or providing the additional information required by the court.



Court of Appeal/Supreme Court Case Name:

Court of Appeal/Supreme Court Case Number:

4 c. The court needs more information. You must go to court on the date below.

Hearing Date → Date: _____ Time: _____ Dept.: _____
 Name and address of the court if different from page 1:

Bring the following proof to support your request, if it is reasonably available:

Warning! If 4 c is checked and you do not attend your court hearing, the court will deny your request to waive court fees and you will have **10 days from the date of service of the court's denial** to pay your fees. If you are the person who filed the appeal and you do not pay your filing fees, your appeal may be dismissed.

Date: _____
 Signature of (check one): Judicial Officer Clerk, Deputy



Requests for Accommodations

Assistive listening systems, computer-assisted real-time captioning, or sign language interpreter services are available if you ask at least five days before the proceeding. Contact the clerk's office or go to courts.ca.gov/forms for form [MC-410](#) (Disability Accommodation Request). (Civ. Code, § 54.8.)

Clerk's Certificate of Service

I certify that I am not involved in this case and (check one):

- I handed a copy of this order to the party and attorney, if any, listed in 1 and 2, at the court on the date below.
- This order was mailed first class, postage paid, to the party and attorney, if any, at the addresses listed in 1 and 2, from (city): _____, California, on the date below.
 - A certificate of mailing is attached.
- I electronically served this order on the party and attorney, if any, at the addresses listed in 1 and 2, on the date below under California Rules of Court, rule 2.251.

Date of service: _____

Clerk, by _____, Deputy
 Name: _____

**Order on Court Fee Waiver
(Court of Appeal or Supreme Court)
(Guardian or Conservator)**

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1 **Petitioner or (proposed) guardian or conservator who asked the court to waive its fees:**
Name: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

2 **Lawyer, if person in 1 has one:**
Name: _____ State Bar No: _____
Firm or Affiliation: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

3 **(Proposed) ward or conservatee:**
Name: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

4 **Ward's or Conservatee's Lawyer (if any):** Name: _____
Firm or Affiliation: _____ State Bar No.: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____ Email: _____

5 On (date): _____, you filed form FW-001-GC (*Request to Waive Court Fees*).

6 The court has reviewed your request and makes the following order:
a. The court **grants** your request and waives the fees and costs listed below. You do not have to pay fees for the following:
(1) Filing notice of appeal, petition for writ, or petition for review
(2) Other (*specify*): _____

Fill in court name and street address:

**Court of Appeal or Supreme Court
Case Number:**

This fee waiver expires 60 days after the judgment, dismissal, or other final disposition of your case. (Gov. Code, § 68639.)

b. The court **denies** your request for the following reasons:
(1) Your request is incomplete. You have **10 days** from the date of service of this order (provided on page 3) to either:
(a) Pay your fees and costs, or
(b) File a new revised request that includes the items listed below (*specify incomplete items*): _____

Warning! Your appeal may be dismissed if you miss the deadline for paying the fees and costs or providing the additional information required by the court.



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- 6 b. (2) [] The information you provided on the request shows that you are not eligible for the fee waiver you requested for the following reasons (specify):

You have 10 days from the date of service of this order (provided on page 3) to either:

- (a) Pay your fees and costs, or
(b) File more information that shows that you are eligible for a fee waiver based on the (proposed) ward's or conservatee's financial condition.

- (3) [] The court finds there is substantial question regarding your eligibility for a fee waiver based on the (proposed) ward's or conservatee's financial condition (describe issue regarding eligibility):

You have 10 days from the date of service of this order (provided on page 3) to either:

- (a) Pay your fees and costs, or
(b) File the following additional documents to support your request:

- c. [] The court needs more information. You must go to court on the date below.



Date: Time: Dept.:
Name and address of court if different from page 1:

- [] Bring the following proof to support your request, if it is reasonably available:

Warning! If 6 c is checked and you do not attend your court hearing, the court will deny your request to waive court fees and you will have 10 days from the date of service of the court's denial to pay those fees. If you are the person who filed the appeal and you do not pay the filing fees, your appeal may be dismissed.

Date:

Signature of (check one): [] Judicial Officer [] Clerk, Deputy



Request for Accommodations. Assistive listening systems, computer-assisted real-time captioning, or sign language interpreter services are available if you ask at least five days before your hearing. Contact the clerk's office for form MC-410 (Disability Accommodation Request). (Civ. Code, § 54.8.)

The clerk's certificate of service is on the next page.



Court of Appeal/Supreme Court Case Name:

Court of Appeal or Supreme Court
Case Number:

Clerk's Certificate of Service

I certify that I am not involved in this case and (*check one*):

- I handed a copy of this order to the party and attorney(s), if any, listed in ①, ②, and ④ at the court on the date below.
- This order was mailed first class, postage paid, to the party and attorney(s), if any, at the addresses listed in ①, ②, and ④ from (*city*): _____, California, on the date below.
 - A certificate of mailing is attached.
- I electronically served this order on the party and attorney(s), if any, at the email addresses listed in ①, ②, and ④ on the date below under California Rules of Court, rule 2.251.

Date of service: _____

Clerk, by _____, Deputy
Name: _____

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If you are getting public benefits, **your income is low**, or **you** do not have enough income to pay for your household’s basic needs and your court fees, you may use this form to ask the court to waive (**decide that you do not have to pay**) your court fees. The court may order you to answer questions about your finances. If the court waives the fees, you may still have to pay later if:

- You cannot give the court proof of your eligibility,
- Your financial **condition** improves during this case, or
- **This is a civil case, and you recover \$10,000** or more by **settlement or otherwise**. The court will have a lien on **the recovery** in the amount of the waived fees and costs. The court may also charge you any collection costs.

Fill in court name and street address:
Superior Court of California, County of

1 Your Information (person asking the court to waive the fees):

Name: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Fill in case number and name:

Case Number: _____
Case Name: _____

2 Your Job, if you have one (job title): _____

Name of employer: _____
Employer’s address: _____

3 Your Lawyer, if you have one (name, firm or affiliation, address, phone number, email, and State Bar number): _____

a. Has your lawyer agreed to advance all or a portion of your fees or costs? (check one) No Yes

b. (If yes, your lawyer must sign here) Lawyer’s signature: _____
If your lawyer is not providing legal services on behalf of a qualified legal services project (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 6213), you may have to go to a hearing to explain why you are asking the court to waive the fees.

4 Which court are you asking to waive its fees?

- Superior Court (See form FW-001-INFO (Information Sheet on Waiver of Superior Court Fees and Costs).)
- Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, or Appellate Division of Superior Court (See form APP-015/FW-015-INFO (Information Sheet on Waiver of Appellate Court Fees).)

5 Why are you asking the court to waive its fees?

- a. I receive (check all that apply; see form FW-001-INFO for definitions):
 Food stamps Supp. Sec. Inc. SSP Medi-Cal County Relief/Gen. Assist. IHSS
 CalWORKS or Tribal TANF CAPI WIC Unemployment
- b. My gross monthly household income (before deductions for taxes), **not including veterans disability compensation**, is less than the amount listed below. (If you check 5b, you must fill out 7, 8, and 9 on page 2.)

Family Size	Family Income	Family Size	Family Income	Family Size	Family Income
1	\$2,660.00	3	\$4,553.33	5	\$6,446.67
2	\$3,606.67	4	\$5,500.00	6	\$7,393.33

If more than 6 people at home, add \$946.67 for each extra person.

c. I do not have enough income to pay for my household’s basic needs and the court fees. I ask the court to: (check one; you **must** also fill out page 2):
 waive all court fees and costs waive some of the court fees let me **pay the fees** over time

6 Check here if you asked the court to waive your court fees for this case in the last six months. (If your previous request is reasonably available, please attach it to this form and check here):

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this form and all attachments is true and correct.

Date: _____

Sign here

Print your name here



Your name: _____

If you checked 5a on page 1, do not **complete this page**. If you checked 5b, fill out **items 7, 8, and 9** only. If you checked 5c, you **must** fill out **items 7 through 11**. If you need more space or want to provide more information (for example, about unusual expenses), attach form MC-025 or a blank sheet of paper and write "Financial Information," your name, and the case number at the top. **Check here if you attach another page:**

7 Check here if your income changes a lot from month to month. If it does, complete the form based on your average income for the past 12 months.

8 Your Gross Monthly Income

a. List the source and amount of **any** income you get each month, including: wages, salary, or other income from work before deductions; spousal or child support; retirement, social security, disability, or unemployment benefits; military basic allowance for quarters (BAQ); veterans payments; dividends, interest, trust income, annuities, or net business or rental income; reimbursement for job-related expenses; gambling or lottery winnings, etc. **If you checked 5b on page 1 (your gross household monthly income is below the amount listed in that item), do not include any veterans disability service-connected compensation in your calculation below.**

- (1) _____ \$ _____
- (2) _____ \$ _____
- (3) _____ \$ _____
- (4) _____ \$ _____

b. **Your total monthly income:** \$ _____

9 Household Income

a. List the income of all other persons living in your home who depend in whole or in part on you for support, or on whom you depend in whole or in part for support.

Name	Age	Relationship	Gross Monthly Income
(1) _____	_____	_____	\$ _____
(2) _____	_____	_____	\$ _____
(3) _____	_____	_____	\$ _____
(4) _____	_____	_____	\$ _____

b. **Total monthly income of persons above:** \$ _____

Total monthly income and household income (8b plus 9b): \$ _____

10 Your Money and Property

- a. Cash \$ _____
- b. All financial accounts (List bank name and amount):
 - (1) _____ \$ _____
 - (2) _____ \$ _____
 - (3) _____ \$ _____
- c. Cars, boats, and other vehicles

Make / Year	Fair Market Value	How Much You Still Owe
(1) _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
(2) _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
(3) _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
- d. Real estate

Address	Fair Market Value	How Much You Still Owe
(1) _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
(2) _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
- e. Other personal property (jewelry, furniture, furs, stocks, bonds, etc.):

Describe	Fair Market Value	How Much You Still Owe
(1) _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
(2) _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

11 Your Monthly Deductions and Expenses

- a. **Deductions from gross pay (money held by employer to make required payments) and the monthly amount of each one:**
 - (1) Federal income tax \$ _____
 - (2) State income tax \$ _____
 - (3) Medicare and Social Security taxes \$ _____
 - (4) Other: _____ \$ _____
 - (5) Other: _____ \$ _____
- b. Rent or house payment & maintenance \$ _____
- c. Food and household supplies \$ _____
- d. Utilities, including phone and internet \$ _____
- e. Clothing \$ _____
- f. Laundry and cleaning \$ _____
- g. Medical and dental expenses \$ _____
- h. Insurance (life, health, accident, etc.) \$ _____
- i. School, child care \$ _____
- j. Child, spousal support (another marriage) \$ _____
- k. Transportation, gas, auto insurance and repair \$ _____
- l. **Installment payments (list each below):**
 - Paid to:
 - (1) _____ \$ _____
 - (2) _____ \$ _____
 - (3) _____ \$ _____
- m. Wages/earnings withheld by court order \$ _____
- n. **Any other monthly expenses (list each below):**
 - Paid to:
 - How Much?
 - (1) _____ \$ _____
 - (2) _____ \$ _____
 - (3) _____ \$ _____

Total monthly expenses (add 11a – 11n above): \$ _____

Important! If your financial condition or ability to pay court fees improves, you must notify the court **within five days** on form FW-010.

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

If you are a **guardian** or a **conservator** or a **petitioner** for the appointment of a guardian or conservator, and you want to ask the court not to charge you fees in the guardianship or conservatorship proceeding or in a civil case in which you represent the interests of a ward or conservatee, you must use **this** form to ask the court for a **fee waiver**.

Your eligibility for a fee waiver is based on the ability of the ward or conservatee (or the proposed ward or conservatee) and anyone who has a legal duty to support them to pay the fees. The court may order you to answer questions about the finances of the ward or conservatee. If the court waives the fees, the ward's or conservatee's estate or a **person** with a duty to support the ward or conservatee may still have to pay **them** later if:

- You cannot give the court proof of eligibility,
- The ward's or conservatee's financial **condition** improves during this case, or
- **This is a civil case, and you recover \$10,000 or more for the ward or conservatee by settling the case or otherwise.** The trial court will then have a lien on **the recovery** in the amount of the waived fees. The court may also charge collection **fees**.

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Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of

Fill in case number and name:

Case Number:

Case Name:

- 1 Your Information** (*guardian, conservator, or person asking the court to appoint a guardian or conservator*):
 Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Street or mailing address: _____
 City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____ Email: _____
- 2 Your Lawyer** (*if you have one*) Name: _____
 Firm or Affiliation: _____ State Bar No.: _____
 Address: _____ Phone: _____
 City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____ Email: _____
 a. The lawyer has agreed to advance all or a portion of your court fees or costs (*check one*): No Yes
 b. (*If yes, your lawyer must sign here.*) Lawyer's signature: _____
If your lawyer is not providing legal services on behalf of a qualified legal services project (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 6213), you may have to go to a hearing to explain why you are asking the court to waive the fees.
- 3 Ward's or Conservatee's Information** (*if more than one ward, add names and dates of birth on an attachment*):
 Name: _____ Date of birth (*ward only*): _____
 Street or mailing address: _____
 City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
- 4 Ward's or Conservatee's Lawyer** (*if any*) Name: _____
 Firm or Affiliation: _____ State Bar No.: _____
 Address: _____ Phone: _____
 City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____ Email: _____
- 5 Ward's or Conservatee's Job** (*job title; if not employed, state that*): _____
 Name of employer: _____
 Employer's address: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____



Your name: _____

Case Number: _____

6 Which court are you asking to waive its fees?

- Superior Court (See form FW-001-INFO (Information Sheet on Waiver of Superior Court Fees and Costs).)
- Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, or Appellate Division of Superior Court (See form APP-015/FW-015-INFO (Information Sheet on Waiver of Appellate Court Fees).)

7 Check here if you asked the court to waive fees in this case in the last six months.

(If your previous request is reasonably available, please attach it to this form and check here):

8 Why are you asking the court to waive its fees?

- a. The ward or one or both of the ward’s parents, or the conservatee or the conservatee’s spouse or registered domestic partner, receive (check all that apply, skip items 9, 10, and 11, and sign at the bottom of page 3):
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/State Supplementary Payment (SSP) SNAP (Food Stamps)
 - IHSS (In-Home Supportive Services) Medi-Cal Unemployment Compensation
 - County Relief/General Assistance CalWORKS or Tribal Temp. Assist. for Needy Families (TANF)
 - Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
 - Cash Assistance Program for [Aged, Blind, or Disabled] Immigrants (CAPI)

(Names and relationships to ward or conservatee of persons who receive the public benefits checked above):

- b. The gross monthly income (before deductions), not including any veterans disability compensation, of the ward and their parents or the conservatee and their spouse or domestic partner is less than the applicable amount below. (If you check item 8b, fill out item 9 (guardian) or items 10–11 (conservator), fill out items 12–15 on page 4, and then sign on page 3.)*

Family Size	Family Income	Family Size	Family Income	Family Size	Family Income	If more than 6 people in family, add \$946.67 for each extra person.
1	\$2,660.00	3	\$4,553.33	5	\$6,446.67	
2	\$3,606.67	4	\$5,358.33	6	\$7,393.33	

- c. The ward and their parents or the conservatee and their spouse or domestic partner do not have enough money or property to pay for their basic needs and the court fees. I ask the court to (check one, fill out item 9 (guardian) or items 10–11 (conservator), fill out items 12–17 on page 4, and then sign on page 3):*

- (1) Waive all fees and costs. (2) Waive some fees and costs. (3) Let me pay the fees over time.

* (Do not include the income of the guardian or conservator in item 8b or 8c or count them in the family size in item 8b unless they are a parent of the ward or the spouse or domestic partner of the conservatee.)

A guardian or petitioner for appointment of a guardian must complete 9.

9 Ward's Parents' Information:

a. Name of ward’s parent: _____ Deceased (date of death): _____
 Street or mailing address: _____
 City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

b. Name of ward’s parent: _____ Deceased (date of death): _____
 Street or mailing address: _____
 City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____



Your name: _____

Case Number: _____

- c. Ward's parents are (check all that apply): married living together separated divorced
 Support order for ward? No Yes Payable to (name): _____
 Payable by (name): _____
 Court: _____ Case Number: _____
 Date of order (if multiple, date of most recent order): _____ Monthly amount: \$ _____
 History of payment (describe): _____

A conservator or petitioner for appointment of a conservator must complete 10-11.

10 Conservatee's Spouse's or Domestic Partner's Information:

- Name of conservatee's spouse or domestic partner: _____ Spouse Partner
 Date of marriage or partnership: _____ Deceased (date of death): _____
 Street or mailing address: _____ Phone: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____
 Name of employer (if none, state that): _____
 Employer's address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 The conservatee's spouse or domestic partner is managing or, following appointment of a conservator, is planning to manage some or all of the couple's community property outside the conservatorship estate. No Yes
 If you checked "Yes" above: The income, money, and property shown on page 4 includes the income and property managed, or expected to be managed, by the spouse or domestic partner outside the estate. No Yes
 Divorced (date of final judgment or decree): _____
 Court: _____ Case Number: _____
 Support order for conservatee? No Yes
 Date of order (if multiple, date of most recent order): _____ Monthly amount: \$ _____
 History of payment (describe): _____

11 The Conservatee and Trusts:

- The conservatee is:
 a. the trustor or settlor of a trust. No Yes
 b. the beneficiary of a trust. No Yes
 If you checked "Yes" in response to either of the above statements, identify and provide, in an attachment to this Request, the current address and telephone number of the current trustee of each trust and, as far as you know them, describe the general terms and value of each trust, the nature and value of the conservatee's interest in each trust, and the amount and frequency of any distributions to, or for the benefit of, the conservatee before your appointment as conservator. (You may use Judicial Council form MC-025 for this purpose.)

**If you checked 8b on page 2, you must complete 12-15 on page 4 before signing below.
If you checked 8c on page 2, you must complete 12-17 on page 4 before signing below.**

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information provided on this form and all attachments is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date: _____

Print your name here

Sign here



Your name:

Case Number:

If you checked item 8a on page 2, do not complete this page. If you checked item 8b, complete items 12, 13, 14, and 15 only. If you checked item 8c, complete items 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17. If you need more space or want to provide more information (for example, about unusual expenses), attach form MC-025 or a blank sheet of paper and write "Financial Information," your name, and the case number at the top. Check here if you attach another page:

12 Check here if the ward's or conservatee's income changes a lot from month to month. If it does, complete this page based on their average monthly income over the past 12 months.

13 Gross Monthly Income of Ward or Conservatee
a. List the source and amount of any income the ward or conservatee gets each month, including: wages, salary, or other income from work before deductions; spousal or child support; retirement, social security, disability, or unemployment benefits; military basic allowance for quarters (BAQ); veterans payments (but if you checked item 8b on page 2, not veterans disability service-related compensation); dividends, interest, trust income, annuities, or net business or rental income; reimbursement for job-related expenses; gambling or lottery winnings, etc.
(1) \$
(2) \$
(3) \$
(4) \$
(5) \$
b. Total monthly income: \$

14 Gross Monthly Income of Ward's Parents or Conservatee's Spouse or Domestic Partner
a. List the income, before deductions, of the ward's parents or the conservatee's spouse or domestic partner and anyone else who has a legal duty to support the ward or conservatee.
Name Age Relationship Monthly Income
(1) \$
(2) \$
(3) \$
(4) \$
b. Total monthly income of persons above: \$
Total monthly income and parents' or spouse's income (13b plus 14b): \$

15 Persons Legally Entitled to Support by Ward and Parents or by Conservatee and Spouse or Partner
List everyone the ward and their parents or the conservatee and their spouse or partner have a legal duty to support.
Name Age Relationship to Ward or Conservatee
(1)
(2)
(3)
(4)
(5)
(6)

Important! If the ward's or conservatee's financial condition or ability to pay court fees improves, you must notify the court within five days on form FW-010-GC.

Do not include your income in item 14, your money and property in item 16, or your deductions and expenses in item 17 unless you are the ward's parent or the conservatee's spouse or domestic partner.

16 Ward's or Conservatee's Estate's Money and Property
a. Cash \$
b. All financial accounts (list bank name and amount):
(1) \$
(2) \$
(3) \$
c. Cars, boats, and other vehicles
Make / Year Fair Market Value How Much Still Owed
(1) \$ \$
(2) \$ \$
(3) \$ \$
d. Real estate
Address Fair Market Value How Much Still Owed
(1) \$ \$
(2) \$ \$
e. Other personal property (jewelry, furniture, furs, stocks, bonds, etc.):
Describe Fair Market Value How Much Still Owed
(1) \$ \$
(2) \$ \$

17 Monthly Deductions and Expenses of Ward and Parents or Conservatee and Spouse or Partner
a. Deductions from gross pay (money held by employer to make required payments for employee) and monthly amount of each:
(1) Federal income tax \$
(2) State income tax \$
(3) Medicare and Social Security taxes \$
(4) Other: \$
(5) Other: \$
b. Rent or house payment and maintenance \$
c. Food and household supplies \$
d. Utilities, incl. phone and internet \$
e. Clothing \$
f. Laundry and cleaning \$
g. Medical and dental expenses \$
h. Insurance (life, health, accident, etc.) \$
i. School, child care \$
j. Child, spousal support (another marriage) \$
k. Transportation, gas, auto insurance and repair \$
l. Installment payments (list each below):
Paid to:
(1) \$
(2) \$
(3) \$
m. Wages/earnings withheld by court order \$
n. Any other monthly expenses (list each below).
Paid to: How Much?
(1) \$
(2) \$
(3) \$
Total monthly expenses (add lines 17a to 17n above): \$

INFORMATION SHEET ON WAIVER OF SUPERIOR COURT FEES AND COSTS

If you have been sued or if you wish to sue someone, if you are filing or have received a family law petition, or if you are asking the court to appoint a guardian for a minor or a conservator for an adult or are an appointed guardian or conservator, and if you (or your ward or conservatee) cannot afford to pay court fees and costs, you may not have to pay them in order to go to court. If you (or your ward or conservatee) are getting public benefits, are a low-income person, or do not have enough income to pay for your (or their) household's basic needs and your court fees, you may ask the court to waive all or part of those fees.

- To make a request to the court to waive your fees in superior court, complete form FW-001 (*Request to Waive Court Fees*) or, if you are petitioning for the appointment of a guardian or conservator or are an appointed guardian or conservator, complete form FW-001-GC (*Request to Waive Court Fees (Guardian or Conservator)*). If you qualify, the court will waive all or part of the following fees:
 - Superior court fees for filing papers (other than for an appeal in a case with a value of over \$35,000)
 - Clerk's fees for making and certifying copies
 - Sheriff's fees for giving notice
 - Court fees for phone hearings and remote appearances
 - Reporter's fees for attending hearings or trial, if the court is not electronically recording the proceeding and you request that the court provide an official reporter (use form FW-020 to ask for a court reporter)
 - Assessments for court investigations in probate guardianship and conservatorship proceedings
 - Court fees for preparing, certifying, copying, and sending the clerk's transcript on appeal
 - Court fees for making a transcript or copy of an official electronic recording under Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.835
 - Court fees for holding in trust the deposit for a reporter's transcript on appeal under rule 8.130 or 8.834
 - Clerk's fees for giving notice and certificates
 - Fees for sending papers to another court department
- You may ask the court to waive other court fees during your case in superior court as well. To do that, complete form FW-002 (*Request to Waive Additional Court Fees (Superior Court)*) or form FW-002-GC (*Request to Waive Additional Court Fees (Superior Court) (Guardian or Conservator)*). The court will consider waiving fees for items such as the following, or other court services you need for your case:
 - Jury fees and expenses
 - Fees for court-appointed experts
 - Other necessary court fees
 - Fees for a peace officer to testify in court
 - Court-appointed interpreter fees for a witness
- If you want the Appellate Division of the Superior Court or the Court of Appeal to review an order or judgment against you and you want the court fees waived, ask for and follow the instructions on form APP-015/FW-015-INFO (*Information Sheet on Waiver of Appellate Court Fees—Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, Appellate Division*).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

- **You are signing your request under penalty of perjury. Answer truthfully, accurately, and completely.**
- **The court may ask you for information and evidence.** You may be ordered to go to court to answer questions about your ability, or the ability of your ward or conservatee, to pay court fees and costs and to provide proof of eligibility. Any initial fee waiver you or your ward or conservatee are granted may be ended if you do not go to court when asked. You or your ward's or conservatee's estate may be ordered to repay amounts that were waived if the court finds you were not eligible for the fee waiver.
- **Public benefits programs listed on the application form.** In item 5 on form FW-001 (item 8 of form FW-001-GC), there is a list of programs from which you (or your ward or conservatee) may be receiving benefits, listed by the abbreviations they are commonly known by. The full names of those programs can be found in Government Code section 68632(a) and are also listed here:
 - Medi-Cal (does not include non-Medi-Cal plans from Covered California)
 - Food stamps—California Food Assistance Program, CalFresh Program, or SNAP
 - SSP—State Supplemental Payment
 - Supp. Sec. Inc.—Supplemental Security Income (not Social Security)
 (list continues on next page)



- County Relief/Gen. Assist.—County Relief, General Relief (GR), or General Assistance (GA)
 - IHSS—In-Home Supportive Services
 - CalWORKs—California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Act
 - Tribal TANF—Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
 - CAPI—Cash Assistance Program for Aged, Blind, or Disabled Legal Immigrants
 - WIC—Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children
 - Unemployment—Unemployment compensation
- **If you receive a fee waiver, you must tell the court if there is a change in your finances, or the finances of your ward or conservatee.** You must tell the court within five days if those finances improve or if you, or your ward or conservatee, become able to pay court fees or costs during this case. (File form FW-010 (*Notice to Court of Improved Financial Situation or Settlement*) or form FW-010-GC (*Notice to Court of Improved Financial Situation or Settlement (Guardian or Conservator)*) with the court.) You may be ordered to repay any amounts that were waived after your eligibility, or the eligibility of your ward or conservatee, came to an end.
 - **If you receive a judgment or support order in a family law matter:** You may be ordered to pay all or part of your waived fees and costs if the court finds your circumstances have changed so that you can afford to pay. You will have the opportunity to ask the court for a hearing if the court makes such a decision.
 - **If you win your case in the trial court:** In most circumstances the other side will be ordered to pay your waived fees and costs to the court. The court will not enter a satisfaction of judgment until the court is paid. (This does not apply in unlawful detainer cases. Special rules apply in family law cases and in guardianships and conservatorships. (Gov. Code, § 68637(d), (e); Cal. Rules of Court, rule 7.5).)
 - **If you settle your civil case for \$10,000 or more:** Any trial court-waived fees and costs must first be paid to the court out of the settlement. **The court will have a lien on the settlement in the amount of the waived fees and costs.** The court may refuse to dismiss the case until the lien is satisfied. A request to dismiss the case (use form CIV-110) must have a declaration under penalty of perjury that the waived fees and costs have been paid. Special rules apply to family law cases.
 - **The court can collect fees and costs due the court.** If waived fees and costs are ordered paid to the trial court, or if you fail to make the payments over time, the court can start collection proceedings and add a \$25 fee plus any additional costs of collection to the other fees and costs owed to the court.
 - **The fee waiver ends.** The fee waiver expires 60 days after the judgment, dismissal, or other final disposition of the case or earlier if a court finds that you or your ward or conservatee are not eligible for a fee waiver. If the case is a guardianship or conservatorship proceeding, see California Rules of Court, rule 7.5(k) for information on the final disposition of that matter.
 - **If you are in jail or state prison:** Prisoners may be required to pay the full cost of the filing fee in the trial court but may be allowed to do so over time. See Government Code section 68635.
 - **If you want a record made of your court hearing or trial:** There are various reasons why you may want a record of the hearing or trial. Among other reasons, you may want to have a record for an appeal if you disagree with a court order or judgment. If you receive a fee waiver and if the court is not electronically recording the proceeding, you may ask the court to have an official court reporter attend your hearing or trial at no cost to you, so there can be a record of the proceeding. You should use form FW-020 to make the request, which you should file at least 10 calendar days before a scheduled court date, or as soon as you can if the court date is set with less than 10-days' notice.

If you want a written transcript after the hearing or trial, you will need to pay the court reporter separately, or arrange to get the transcript in another way. To learn about ways to do that, talk with the court's Self-Help Center or read the information about appeals on the self-help website at selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/appeals.

Request to Waive Additional Court Fees (Superior Court)

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This form asks the court to waive additional court fees that are not covered in a current order. If you have not already received an order that waived or reduced your court fees, you must complete and file form FW-001 (Request to Waive Court Fees), along with this form.

Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of

Fill in case number and name:

Case Number:

Case Name:

1 Your Information (person asking the court to waive the fees):

Name:
Street or mailing address:
City: State: Zip:
Phone: Email:

2 Your Lawyer, if you have one:

Name: State Bar No:
Firm or affiliation:
Street or mailing address:
City: State: Zip:
Phone: Email:

Has your lawyer agreed to advance all or a portion of your fees or costs? (check one):

- a. No
b. Yes (If yes, your lawyer must sign here): Lawyer's signature:
If your lawyer is not providing legal services on behalf of a qualified legal services project (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 6213), you may have to go to a hearing to explain why you are asking the court to waive the fees.

3 Date your last court fee waiver order, if any, was granted:

4 Has your financial condition improved since the last time you filed form FW-001? No Yes
(If yes, you must fill out a new form FW-001 (Request to Waive Court Fees) and attach it to this form.)

5 What other fees do you want the court to waive? (Check all that apply):

- a. Jury fees and expenses
b. Court-appointed interpreter fees for a witness
c. Fees for a peace officer to testify in court
d. Fees for court-appointed experts
e. Other (specify):

6 Why do you need the services checked in 5? (Explain):

Notice: The court may order you to answer questions about your finances and later order you to pay back the waived fees. If this happens and you do not pay, the court can make you pay the fees and also charge you collection fees. If there is a change in your financial condition during this case that improves your ability to pay fees and costs, you must notify the trial court within five days. (Use form FW-010.) If you win your case, the trial court may order the other side to pay the fees. If this is a civil case and you recover \$10,000 or more by settling the case or otherwise, the court will have a lien on the recovery in the amount of the waived fees. The court may decide not to dismiss the case until the lien is paid.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information provided on this form and all attachments is true and correct.

Date:

Print your name here

Sign here

Request to Waive Additional Court Fees (Superior Court) (Guardian or Conservator)

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If you are a guardian or a conservator or a petitioner for the appointment of a guardian or conservator, and you want to ask the court not to charge you additional court fees that are not waived by a current order in the guardianship or conservatorship proceeding or in a civil case in which you represent the interests of a ward or conservatee, you must use this form. If you have not already received an order that waived or reduced your court fees, you must complete and file form FW-001-GC (Request to Waive Court Fees (Guardian or Conservator)) with this form.

1 Your Information (guardian, conservator, or person asking the court to appoint a guardian or conservator):

Name: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of

2 Your Lawyer (if you have one):

Name: _____ State Bar No.: _____
Firm or Affiliation: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Fill in case number and name:

Case Number:

Case Name:

a. Has the lawyer agreed to advance all or a portion of your fees or costs? (check one):

No

Yes (If yes, your lawyer must sign here.) Lawyer's signature: _____

b. If your lawyer is not providing legal services on behalf of a qualified legal services project (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 6213), you may have to go to a hearing to explain why you are asking the court to waive the fees.

3 Ward's or Conservatee's Information (if more than one ward, add names and dates of birth on an attachment):

Name: _____ Age and date of birth (ward only): _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

4 Ward's or Conservatee's Lawyer (if any) Name: _____

Firm or Affiliation: _____ State Bar No.: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____ Email: _____

5 Date your last court fee waiver order, if any, was granted: _____

6 Has the ward's or conservatee's financial condition improved since your last Request to Waive Court Fees?

No

Yes (If yes, you must fill out a new form FW-001-GC and attach it to this form.)



Your name: _____

Case Number: _____

- 7 What other fees do you want the court to waive? (Check all that apply):
- a. Jury fees and expenses
 - b. Court-appointed interpreter fees for a witness
 - c. Fees for a peace officer to testify in court
 - d. Fees for court-appointed experts
 - e. Other (specify):
- _____
- _____
- _____

8 Why do you need the services checked or specified in 7? (Explain):

Notice: The court may order you to answer questions about the ward’s or conservatee’s finances and may later order you to pay the waived fees. **If this happens and the fees are not paid, the court can also charge collection fees.** The court may also direct you to **try to** collect money to pay waived fees from persons who **have a legal duty** to support the ward or conservatee. If a change in the ward’s or conservatee’s financial **condition** during the case **improves your** ability to pay fees and costs, you must notify the trial court within five days. (Use form FW-010-GC.)

If this is a civil case and you win it on behalf of the ward or conservatee, the court may order the other side to pay **some or all of** the waived fees. If you **recover \$10,000** or more **by settling the case or otherwise**, the court will have a lien on the **recovery** in the amount of the waived fees. The court may **decide not to** dismiss the case until the lien is paid.

The court may also have a lien against the ward’s or conservatee’s estate that must be paid before the estate is distributed, the guardianship or conservatorship proceeding **ends**, and you are discharged as guardian or conservator.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information provided on this form and all attachments is true and correct.

Date: _____

Print your name here

▶

Sign here

**Order on Court Fee Waiver
(Superior Court)**

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1 Person who asked the court to waive its fees:
Name: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

2 Lawyer, if person in 1 has one
Name: _____ State Bar No: _____
Firm or affiliation: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

3 A request to waive court fees was filed on (date): _____
 The court ordered a fee waiver in this case on (date): _____

Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of

Court fills in case number when form is filed.

Case Number:

Read this form carefully. All checked boxes are court orders.

Notice: The court may order you to answer questions about your finances and later order you to pay back the waived fees. If this happens and you do not pay, the court can make you pay the fees and also charge you collection fees. If there is a change in your financial condition during this case that improves your ability to pay fees and costs, you must notify the trial court within five days. (Use form FW-010.) If you win your case, the trial court may order the other side to pay the fees. If this is a civil case and you recover \$10,000 or more by settling the case or otherwise, the trial court will have a lien on the recovery in the amount of the waived fees. The trial court may decide not to dismiss the case until the lien is paid.

4 After reviewing your: Request to Waive Court Fees Request to Waive Additional Court Fees
the court makes the following orders:

- a. The court grants your request to waive court fees and costs as follows:
 - (1) **Fee Waiver.** The court waives the court fees and costs listed below. (Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.55, 3.672, and 8.818.) You do not have to pay the following fees and costs:
 - Superior court fees for filing papers
 - Clerk’s fees for making and certifying copies
 - Sheriff’s fees for giving notice
 - Reporter’s fees for attending hearings or trial, if the court is not electronically recording the proceeding and you request that the court provide an official reporter
 - Assessments for court investigations in probate guardianship and conservatorship proceedings
 - Court fees for preparing, certifying, copying, and sending the clerk’s transcript on appeal
 - Court fees for holding in trust the deposit for a reporter’s transcript on appeal under rule 8.130 or 8.834
 - Court fees for making a transcript or copy of an official electronic recording under rule 8.835
 - Court fees for phone hearings and remote appearances
 - Clerk’s fees for giving notice and certificates
 - Fees for sending papers to another court department
 - (2) **Additional Fee Waiver.** The court waives the additional superior court fees and costs that are checked below. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.56.) You do not have pay the following fees and costs:
 - Jury fees and expenses
 - Fees for court-appointed experts
 - Other (specify): _____
 - Fees for a peace officer to testify in court
 - Court-appointed interpreter fees for a witness

A fee waiver granted in a(1) or a(2) expires 60 days after the judgment, dismissal, or other final disposition of your case. (Gov. Code, § 68639.)



Case name: _____

Case Number: _____

4 b. The court **denies** your fee waiver request because:

Warning! If you miss the deadline below, the court **will not** process your request for hearing or the court papers you filed with your original request. If the papers were a notice of appeal, the appeal may be dismissed.

(1) Your request is incomplete. You have **10 days** after the **date of service of this order (provided at the bottom of page 3)** to either:

- Pay your fees and costs, or
- File a new, revised request that includes the incomplete items listed:
 - below on Attachment 4b(1)

(2) The information you provided on the request shows that you are not eligible for the fee waiver you requested for the reasons stated: below on Attachment 4b(2)

The court has enclosed a blank form FW-006 (*Request for Hearing About Court Fee Waiver Order*). You have **10 days** after the **date of service of this order (provided at the bottom of page 3)** to either:

- **Pay your fees and costs**, or
- Ask for a hearing in order to show the court more information. (*Use form FW-006 to request hearing.*)

c. The court needs more information to decide whether to grant your request. You must go to court on the **hearing date on page 3. At the hearing, the court will ask** the questions **about** your eligibility stated:

below on Attachment 4c(1)

Bring the items of proof to support your request, if reasonably available, that are listed:

below on Attachment 4c(2)

This is a Court Order.



Case name: _____

Case Number: _____

Name and address of court if different from above:

Hearing Date

Date: _____ Time: _____

Dept.: _____ Room: _____

Warning! If ④ c is checked, and you **do not attend your court hearing**, the judge will deny your request to waive court fees, and you will have 10 days **from the date of service of the court's denial** to pay your fees. If you miss that deadline, the court **will not** process the court papers you filed with your request. If the papers were a notice of appeal, the appeal may be dismissed.

Date: _____

Signature of (*check one*): Judicial Officer Clerk, Deputy



Requests for Accommodations

Assistive listening systems, computer-assisted real-time captioning, or sign language interpreter services are available if you ask at least five days before the proceeding. Contact the clerk's office or go to courts.ca.gov/forms for form [MC-410](#) (*Disability Accommodation Request*). (Civ. Code, § 54.8.)

Clerk's Certificate of Service

I certify that I am not involved in this case and (*check one*):

- I handed a copy of this order to the party and attorney, if any, listed in ① and ②, at the court on the date below.
- This order was mailed first class, postage paid, to the party and attorney, if any, at the addresses listed in ① and ②, from (*city*): _____, California, on the date below.
 - A certificate of mailing is attached.
- I electronically served this order on the party and attorney, if any, at the addresses listed in ① and ② on the date below under California Rules of Court, rule 2.251.

Date of service: _____

Clerk, by _____, Deputy

Name: _____

This is a Court Order.

**Order on Court Fee Waiver
(Superior Court) (Guardian or Conservator)**

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1 (Proposed) guardian or conservator who asked the court to waive its fees:

Name: _____
 Street or mailing address: _____
 City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

2 Lawyer, if person in 1 has one:

Name: _____ State Bar No: _____
 Firm or Affiliation: _____
 Street or mailing address: _____
 City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of

3 (Proposed) ward or conservatee:

Name: _____
 Street or mailing address: _____
 City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

Court fills in case number when form is filed.

Case Number:

4 Lawyer for (proposed) ward or conservatee, if any:

Name: _____ State Bar No: _____
 Firm or Affiliation: _____
 Street or mailing address: _____
 City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

Case Name:

5 A request to waive court fees was filed on (date): _____

The court made a previous fee waiver order in this case on (date): _____

Read this form carefully. All checked boxes are court orders.

Notice: The court may order you to answer questions about the ward’s or conservatee’s finances after granting a waiver and may order you to pay the waived fees. If this happens and the fees are not paid, the court can also charge collection fees. The court may also direct you to try to collect money to pay waived fees from persons who have a legal duty to support the ward or conservatee. If a change in the ward’s or conservatee’s financial condition during the case improves your ability to pay fees and costs, you must notify the trial court within five days. (Use form FW-010-GC.)

If this is a civil case and you win it on behalf of the ward or conservatee, the court may order the other side to pay some or all of the waived fees. If you recover \$10,000 or more by settling the case or otherwise, the court will have a lien on the recovery in the amount of the waived fees. The court may decide not to dismiss the case until the lien is paid.

The court may also have a lien against the ward’s or conservatee’s estate that must be paid before the estate is distributed, the guardianship or conservatorship proceeding ends, and you are discharged as guardian or conservator.

6 After reviewing your Request to Waive Court Fees Request to Waive Additional Court Fees the court makes the following orders:

a. The court grants your request to waive court fees and costs as follows:

(1) **Fee Waiver.** The court waives the fees and costs listed below. (Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.55, 3.672, and 8.818.) You do not have to pay the following fees and costs:

- Superior court fees for filing papers
- Court fees for phone hearings and remote appearances
- Clerk’s fees for certified copies
- Clerk’s fees for giving notice and certificates



Case name:

Case Number:

- 6 a. (1) • Sheriff’s fees for giving notice • Fees for sending papers to another court department
 • Reporter’s fees for attending a hearing or trial if you request that the court provide an official reporter
 • Assessments for court investigations in probate guardianship and conservatorship proceedings
 • Court fees for preparing, certifying, copying, and sending the clerk’s transcript on appeal
 • Court fees for holding in trust the deposit for a reporter’s transcript on appeal under rule 8.130 or 8.834
 • Court fees for making a transcript or copy of an official electronic recording under rule 8.835
- (2) **Additional Fee Waiver.** The court waives the additional court fees and costs checked below. (*Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.56.*) You do not have to pay the fees that are checked.
- Jury fees and expenses Fees for a peace officer to testify in court
 Fees for court-appointed experts Court-appointed interpreter fees for a witness
 Other (specify): _____

A fee waiver under a(1) or a(2) expires 60 days after the judgment, dismissal, or other final disposition of your case.

b. The court denies your fee waiver request, as follows:

Warning! If you miss the deadline below, the court will not process your request for hearing or the court papers you filed with your original request. If the papers were a notice of appeal, the appeal may be dismissed.

- (1) The court denies your request because it is incomplete. You have **10 days** after the date of service of this order (provided at the bottom of page 3) to either:
- Pay the fees and costs, or
 - File a new, revised request that includes the items listed below on Attachment 6b(1).

- (2) The court denies your request because the information you provided on the request shows that you are not eligible for a fee waiver based on the ward’s or conservatee’s financial condition for the reasons specified below on Attachment 6b(2).

A blank form FW-006-GC (*Request for Hearing About Court Fee Waiver Order (Superior Court) (Guardian or Conservator)*) is enclosed. You have **10 days** after the date of service of this order (provided at the bottom of page 3) to either:

- Pay the fees and costs, or
- Ask for a hearing to show the court more information. (*Use form FW-006-GC to request a hearing.*)

- c. (1) The court needs more information to decide whether to grant your request. You must go to court on the hearing date on page 3. At the hearing, the court will ask the questions about your eligibility stated below on Attachment 6c(1).

- (2) Bring the items of proof to support your request, if reasonably available, that are listed below on Attachment 6c(2).



Case name:

Case Number:

Warning! If ⑥c is checked and you do not attend your court hearing, the court will deny your request to waive court fees and you will have 10 days from the date of service of the court's denial to pay the fees. If you miss that deadline, the court will not process the papers you filed with the request. If the papers were a notice of appeal, the appeal may be dismissed.

Notice to guardian, conservator, or petitioner: If the court denies your request for a fee waiver and you do not pay the fees and costs, your case—including the guardianship or conservatorship proceeding if you requested the waiver in that matter—might not go forward. If you pay the fees, and the court appoints you or another person as guardian or conservator, you may ask to be reimbursed for your fee payments from the assets of the guardianship or conservatorship estate, if any, as allowable expenses of administration. You might also have the right to be reimbursed for your fee payments by persons with a legal duty to support the ward or conservatee from assets not part of the estate, such as the ward's parent, the conservatee's spouse or domestic partner who is managing the couple's community property outside the conservatorship estate, or the trustee of a trust of which the conservatee is a beneficiary.

Name and address of court if different from above:



Date: _____ Time: _____
Dept.: _____ Room: _____

Date: _____



Signature of (check one): Judicial Officer Clerk, Deputy



Request for Accommodations. Assistive listening systems, computer-assisted real-time captioning, or sign language interpreter services are available if you ask at least five days before your hearing. Contact the clerk's office for form [MC-410 \(Disability Accommodation Request\)](#). (Civ. Code, § 54.8.)

Clerk's Certificate of Service

I certify that I am not involved in this case and (check one):

- I handed a copy of this order to the party and attorney, if any, listed in ① and ② at the court on the date below.
- This order was mailed first class, postage paid, to the party and attorney, if any, at the addresses listed in ① and ② from (city): _____, California, on the date below.
 - A certificate of mailing is attached.
- I electronically served this order on the party and attorney, if any, at the email addresses listed in ① and ② on the date below under California Rules of Court, rule 2.251.

Date of service: _____

Clerk, by _____, Deputy
Name: _____

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1 Person who asked the court to waive its fees:
Name: _____
Mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

2 Lawyer, if person in 1 has one
Name: _____ State Bar No: _____
Firm or affiliation: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

3 Your Request to Waive Court Fees was filed on (date):

4 Your request for an initial fee waiver is **granted** because the court did not act on it within five days after it was filed. You do not have to pay the following fees and costs (Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.55 and 3.672):

Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of

Court fills in case number when form is filed.

Case Number:

- Superior court fees for filing papers
- Clerk’s fees for giving notice and certificates
- Fees to send papers to another court department
- Reporter’s fees for attending hearings or trial, if the court is not electronically recording the proceeding and you request that the court provide an official reporter
- Assessments for court investigations in probate guardianship and conservatorship proceedings
- Court fees for preparing, certifying, copying, and sending the clerk’s transcript on appeal
- Court fees for holding in trust the deposit for a reporter’s transcript on appeal under rule 8.130 or 8.834
- Court fees for making a transcript or copy of an official electronic recording under rule 8.835
- Clerk’s fees for making and certifying copies
- Sheriff’s fees for giving notice
- Court fees for phone hearings and remote appearances

Fee waiver expires 60 days after judgment, dismissal, or other final disposition of your case. (Gov. Code, § 68639.)

Date: _____ Clerk, by _____, Deputy

Notice: The court may order you to answer questions about your finances and later order you to pay back the waived fees. If this happens and you do not pay, the court can make you pay the fees and also charge you collection fees. If there is a change in your financial condition during this case that improves your ability to pay fees and costs, you must notify the trial court within five days. (Use form FW-010.) If you win your case, the trial court may order the other side to pay the fees. If this is a civil case and you recover \$10,000 or more by settling the case or otherwise, the trial court will have a lien on the recovery in the amount of the waived fees. The trial court may decide not to dismiss the case until the lien is paid.

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- This order was mailed first class, postage paid, to the party and attorney, if any, at the addresses listed in 1 and 2, from (city): _____, California, on the date below. A certificate of mailing is attached.
- I electronically served this order on the party and attorney, if any, at the addresses listed in 1 and 2 on the date below under California Rules of Court, rule 2.251.

Date of service: _____ Clerk, by _____, Deputy
Name: _____

**Notice: Waiver of Court Fees
(Superior Court) (Guardian or
Conservator)**

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1 (Proposed) guardian or conservator who asked the court to waive its fees:

Name: _____
Mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

2 Lawyer, if person in 1 has one:

Name: _____ State Bar No: _____
Firm or Affiliation: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

3 (Proposed) ward or conservatee:

Name: _____
Mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

4 Lawyer for (proposed) ward or conservatee, if any:

Name: _____ State Bar No: _____
Firm or Affiliation: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

5 Your Request to Waive Court Fees was filed on (date): _____

6 Your request for an initial fee waiver is **granted** because the court did not act on it within five days after it was filed. You do not need to pay the following court fees and costs. (Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.55, 3.672.)

- Superior court fees for filing papers
- Clerk’s fees for giving notice and certificates
- Fees for sending papers to another court department
- Court fees for phone hearings and remote appearances
- Clerk’s fees for certified copies
- Sheriff’s fees for giving notice
- Reporter’s fees for attending a hearing or trial if the court is not recording the proceeding and you request that the court provide an official reporter
- Assessments for court investigations in probate guardianship and conservatorship proceedings
- Court fees for preparing, certifying, copying, and sending the clerk’s transcript on appeal
- Court fees for holding in trust the deposit for a reporter’s transcript on appeal under rules 8.130 or 8.834
- Court fees for making a transcript or copy of an official electronic recording under rule 8.835

This fee waiver expires 60 days after the judgment, dismissal, or other final disposition of your case.

Date: _____

Clerk, by _____, Deputy
Name: _____

Read Notice to (Proposed) Guardian or Conservator on page 2.



Case name: _____

Case Number: _____

Notice to (Proposed) Guardian or Conservator: The court may order you to answer questions about the (proposed) ward's or conservatee's finances and may later order you to pay the waived fees. If this happens and the fees are not paid, the court can also charge collection fees. The court may also direct you to try to collect money to pay waived fees from persons who have a legal duty to support the ward or conservatee. If a change in the ward's or conservatee's financial condition during the case improves your ability to pay fees and costs, you must notify the court within five days. (Use form FW-010-GC.)

If this is a civil case and you win it on behalf of the ward or conservatee, the court may order the other side to pay some or all of the waived fees. If you recover \$10,000 or more by settling the case or otherwise, the court will have a lien on the recovery in the amount of the waived fees. The court may decide not to dismiss the case until the lien is paid.

The court may also have a lien against the ward's or conservatee's estate that must be paid before the estate is distributed, the guardianship or conservatorship proceeding ends, and you are discharged as guardian or conservator.

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I certify that I am not involved in this case, and (check one):

- I handed a copy of this notice to the party and attorney, if any, listed in ①, ②, and ④ at the court on the date below.
- This notice was mailed first class, postage paid, to the party and attorney, if any, at the addresses listed in ①, ②, and ④ from (city): _____, California, on the date below.
 - A certificate of mailing is attached.
- I electronically served this notice on the party and attorney, if any, at the email addresses listed in ①, ②, and ④ on the date below under California Rules of Court, rule 2.251.

Date of service: _____

Clerk, by _____, Deputy
Name: _____

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Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of

Court fills in case number when form is filed.

Case Number:**Case Name:****1 (Proposed) guardian or conservator who asked the court to waive its fees:**

Name: _____

Street or mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

2 Lawyer, if person in 1 has one:

Name: _____ State Bar No: _____

Firm or Affiliation: _____

Street or mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

3 (Proposed) ward or conservatee:

Name: _____

Street or mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

4 Lawyer for (proposed) ward or conservatee, if any:

Name: _____ State Bar No: _____

Firm or Affiliation: _____

Street or mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

5 Date of order denying your request to waive court fees: _____ (Check here if you have a copy of the order denying your request and attach it to this form.)**6 I request a hearing on my fee waiver request so I can give the court more information about the (proposed) ward's or conservatee's financial condition.****Request for Accommodations.** Assistive listening systems, computer-assisted real-time captioning, or sign language interpreter services are available if you ask at least five days before your hearing. Contact the clerk's office for form [MC-410](#) (*Disability Accommodation Request*). (Civ. Code, § 54.8.)

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1 (Proposed) guardian or conservator who asked the court to waive its fees:

Name: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

2 Lawyer, if person in 1 has one:

Name: _____ State Bar No: _____
Firm or Affiliation: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

3 (Proposed) ward or conservatee:

Name: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

4 Lawyer for (proposed) ward or conservatee, if any:

Name: _____ State Bar No: _____
Firm or Affiliation: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of

Court fills in case number when form is filed.

Case Number:

Case Name:

5 The court received your request for a hearing about a fee waiver in this case on (date): _____.

Read this form carefully. All checked boxes are court orders.

6 The court grants your request for a hearing on your eligibility for a fee waiver. Go to your court hearing on the date below. You may bring information about the ward or conservatee's financial condition to the hearing.

Name and address of court if different from above:



Date: _____ Time: _____
Dept.: _____ Room: _____



Request for Accommodations: Assistive listening systems, computer-assisted real-time captioning, or sign language interpreter services are available if you ask at least five days before your hearing. Contact the clerk's office for form [MC-410 \(Disability Accommodation Request\)](#). (Civ. Code, § 54.8.)



Order on Court Fee Waiver After Hearing (Superior Court)

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1 Person who asked the court to waive its fees:
Name: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

2 Lawyer, if person in 1 has one
Name: _____ State Bar No: _____
Firm or affiliation: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

3 A request to waive court fees was filed (date): _____

4 There was a hearing on (date): _____
at (time): _____ in (Department): _____
The following people were at the hearing (check all that apply):
 Person in 1 Lawyer in 2
 Others (names): _____

Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of

Court fills in case number when form is filed.

Case Number:

Other people at the hearing are listed on Attachment 4.

Read this form carefully. All checked boxes are court orders.

Notice: The court may order you to answer questions about your finances and later order you to pay back the waived fees. If this happens and you do not pay, the court can make you pay the fees and also charge you collection fees. If there is a change in your financial condition during this case that improves your ability to pay fees and costs, you must notify the trial court within five days. (Use form FW-010.) If you win your case, the trial court may order the other side to pay the fees. If this is a civil case and you recover \$10,000 or more by settling the case or otherwise, the court will have a lien on the recovery in the amount of the waived fees. The court may decide not to dismiss the case until the lien is paid.

5 After reviewing your: Request to Waive Court Fees Request to Waive Additional Court Fees
the court makes the following order:

a. The court grants your request and waives your court fees and costs as follows:

(1) **Fee Waiver.** The court waives the court fees and costs listed below. (Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.55, 3.672, and 8.818.) You do not have to pay the following fees and costs:

- Superior court fees for filing papers
- Clerk's fees for giving notice and certificates
- Clerk's fees for making and certifying copies
- Fees for sending papers to another court department
- Sheriff's fees for giving notice
- Court fees for phone hearings and remote appearances
- Reporter's fees for attending hearings or trial, if the court is not electronically recording the proceeding and you request that the court provide an official reporter
- Assessments for court investigations in probate guardianship and conservatorship proceedings
- Court fees for preparing and certifying the clerk's transcript on appeal
- Court fees for holding in trust the deposit for a reporter's transcript on appeal under rule 8.130 or 8.834
- Court fees for making a transcript or copy of an official electronic recording under rule 8.835



Case name: _____

Case Number: _____

5 a. (2) **Additional Fee Waiver.** The court waives the additional superior court fees and costs that are checked below. (*Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.56.*) You do not have to pay the following fees and costs:

- Jury fees and expenses
- Fees for a peace officer to testify in court
- Fees for court-appointed experts
- Court-appointed interpreter fees for a witness
- Other: (*specify*): _____

A fee waiver granted in a(1) or a(2) expires 60 days after the judgment, dismissal, or other final disposition of your case. (Gov. Code, § 68639.)

b. The court **denies** your request and **will not waive or reduce** your fees and costs.

(1) The reason for this denial is as follows:

(a) Your request is incomplete. You did not provide all of the information the court requested. The missing items are specified: below on Attachment 5b(1)(a)

(b) You did not **attend the court hearing** to provide the information the court needed to **grant the waiver**.

(c) The information you **provided** shows that you are not eligible for the fee waiver you requested because (*check all that apply*):

- i. Your income is too high to **qualify**.
- ii. The reasons stated: below on Attachment 5b(1)(c)(ii)

(d) There is not enough evidence to support a fee waiver.

(e) Other reasons stated: below on Attachment 5b(1)(e)

(2) You may pay the fees checked in (a) or (b) over time. You must pay all other court fees and costs when they are due.

You must make monthly payments of \$ _____ beginning (*date*): _____ and after that on the first day of every month until the fees checked below are fully paid.

(a) Filing fees

(b) Other (*specify*): _____



Case name: _____

Case Number: _____

5 c. The court **partially grants** your request. The court finds that you can pay a portion of your court fees without using money needed to pay for your household's basic needs. You must pay the fees **as checked in items (1), (2), and (3) below**. The court's reasons for this ruling are: below on Attachment 5c

(1) You must pay _____ percent of your court fees.

(2) The court waives the fees checked below. You must pay all other court fees.

- Superior court fees for filing papers
- Sheriff's fees for giving notice
- Jury fees and expenses
- Court-appointed experts' fees
- Clerk's fees for certified copies
- Assessments for court investigations in probate guardianship and conservatorship proceedings
- Reporter's fees for attending hearings or trial, if the court is not electronically recording the proceeding and you request that the court provide an official reporter
- Clerk's fees for giving notice and certificates
- Fees for sending papers to another court department
- Court-appointed interpreter fees for a witness
- Fees for a peace officer to testify in court
- Court fees for phone hearings and remote appearances
- Other fees (specify): _____

(3) Other orders as specified: below on Attachment 5c(3)

A fee waiver granted in 5 a or c expires 60 days after the judgment, dismissal, or other final disposition of your case. (Gov. Code, § 68639.)

Warning! If 5 b or c is checked: You have **10 days** after the date of service of this order (provided below) to pay your fees as ordered, unless there is a later date for beginning payments in item b(2). If you do not pay, the court will not process the papers you filed. If the papers are a notice of appeal, your appeal may be dismissed.

Date: _____



Signature of Judicial Officer

Clerk's Certificate of Service

I certify that I am not involved in this case and (check one):

- I handed a copy of this order to the party and attorney, if any, listed in 1 and 2, at the court on the date below.
- This order was mailed first class, postage paid, to the party and attorney, if any, at the addresses listed in 1 and 2, from (city): _____, California, on the date below.
 - A certificate of mailing is attached.
- I electronically served this order on the party and attorney, if any, at the addresses listed in 1 and 2 on the date below under California Rules of Court, rule 2.251.

Date of service: _____

Clerk, by _____, Deputy
Name: _____

**Order on Court Fee Waiver After Hearing
(Superior Court)
(Guardian or Conservator)**

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1 (Proposed) guardian or conservator who asked the court to waive its fees:

Name: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

2 Lawyer, if person in 1 has one:

Name: _____ State Bar No: _____
Firm or Affiliation: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

3 (Proposed) ward or conservatee:

Name: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

4 Lawyer for (proposed) ward or conservatee, if any:

Name: _____ State Bar No: _____
Firm or Affiliation: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

5 A request to waive court fees was filed on (date): _____

6 There was a hearing on (date): _____ at (time): _____ in (Department): _____

The following people were at the hearing (check all that apply):

- Person in 1 Lawyer in 2 Person in 3 Lawyer in 4
 Other persons at the hearing are listed below on Attachment 6.

Read this form carefully. All checked boxes are court orders.

Notice: The court may order you to answer questions about the ward’s or conservatee’s finances after granting a waiver and may order you to pay the waived fees. If this happens and the fees are not paid, the court may also charge collection fees. The court may also direct you to try to collect money to pay waived fees from persons who have a legal duty to support the ward or conservatee. If a change in the ward’s or conservatee’s financial condition during the case improves your ability to pay fees and costs, you must notify the trial court within five days. (Use form FW-010-GC.)

If this is a civil case and you win it on behalf of the ward or conservatee, the court may order the other side to pay some or all of the waived fees. If you recover \$10,000 or more by settling the case or otherwise, the court will have a lien on the recovery in the amount of the waived fees. The court may decide not to dismiss the case until the lien is paid.

The court may also have a lien against the ward’s or conservatee’s estate that must be paid before the estate is distributed, the guardianship or conservatorship proceeding ends, and you are discharged as guardian or conservator.



7 After reviewing your (check one): Request to Waive Court Fees Request to Waive Additional Court Fees and considering the additional information presented at the hearing, the court makes the following order:

a. The court grants your request and waives court fees and costs as follows:

(1) Fee Waiver. The court waives the court fees and costs listed below. (Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.55, 3.672, and 8.818.) You do not have to pay the following fees and costs:

- Superior court fees for filing papers
• Clerk's fees for giving notice and certificates
• Clerk's fees for certified copies
• Fees for sending papers to another court department
• Sheriff's fees for giving notice
• Court fees for phone hearings and remote appearances
• Reporter's fees for attending a hearing or trial if the court is not recording the proceeding and you request that the court provide an official reporter
• Assessments for court investigations in probate guardianship and conservatorship proceedings
• Court fees for preparing and certifying the clerk's transcript on appeal
• Court fees for holding in trust the deposit for a reporter's transcript on appeal under rule 8.130 or 8.834
• Court fees for making a transcript or copy of an official electronic recording under rule 8.835

(2) Additional Fee Waiver. The court waives the additional court fees and costs checked below. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.56.) You do not have to pay the checked fees and costs.

- Jury fees and expenses
 Fees for a peace officer to testify in court
 Fees for court-appointed experts
 Court-appointed interpreter fees for a witness
 Other: (specify):

A fee waiver under a(1) or a(2) expires 60 days after the judgment, dismissal, or other final disposition of your case.

b. The court denies your request and will not waive or reduce court fees and costs.

(1) The reason for this denial is:

(a) Your request is incomplete. You did not provide all the information the court asked you for. The missing items are specified below on Attachment 7b(1)(a).

(b) You did not attend the court hearing to provide the information the court needed to grant the waiver.

(c) The information you provided shows you are not eligible for the fee waiver you requested because (check all that apply):

- i. The ward's or conservatee's income is too high to qualify.
ii. The reasons stated below on Attachment 7b(1)(c)(ii).

(d) There is not enough evidence to support a fee waiver.

(e) Other reasons stated below on Attachment 7b(1)(e).



Case name: _____

Case Number: _____

7 b. (2) You may pay the fees checked in (a) or (b) over time. You must make payments of at least \$ _____ beginning (date): _____ and after that on the first day of every month until you have paid the fees checked below in full.

(a) Filing fees.

(b) Other (describe): _____

You must pay all other court fees and costs when they are due.

c. The court grants your request in part. The court finds—based on the financial condition of the ward or conservatee—that you can pay a portion of the fees and costs without using money needed to pay for the ward’s or conservatee’s basic needs. You must pay the fees as checked in (1), (2), and (3), below.

The reasons for this ruling are stated below on Attachment 7c.

(1) You must pay _____ percent of the court fees.

(2) The court waives the fees checked below. You must pay all other court fees.

- Superior court fees for filing papers
- Sheriff’s fees for giving notice
- Jury fees and expenses
- Court-appointed experts’ fees
- Clerk’s fees for certified copies
- Assessments for court investigations in probate guardianship and conservatorship proceedings
- Reporter’s fees for attending a hearing or trial if the court is not recording the proceeding and you request that the court provide an official reporter
- Other fees (specify): _____
- Clerk’s fees for giving notice and certificates
- Fees for sending papers to another court department
- Court-appointed interpreter fees for a witness
- Fees for a peace officer to testify in court
- Court fees for phone hearings and remote appearances

(3) Other orders as specified below on Attachment 7c(3).

A fee waiver under a or c expires 60 days after the judgment, dismissal, or other final disposition of your case.

Warning! If 7 b or 7 c above is checked, you have 10 days after the date of service of this order (provided below) to pay your fees as ordered unless there is a later date for beginning payments in 7 b(2). If you do not pay, the court will not process the papers you filed. If the papers are a notice of appeal, your appeal may be dismissed.

Date: _____

Signature of Judicial Officer _____

Clerk’s Certificate of Service

I certify that I am not involved in this case and (check one):

- I handed a copy of this order to the party and attorneys, if any, listed in 1, 2, and 4 at the court on the date below.
- This order was mailed first class, postage paid, to the party and attorney(s), if any, at the addresses listed in 1, 2, and 4 from (city): _____, California, on the date below.
 - A certificate of mailing is attached.
- I electronically served this order on the party and attorneys, if any, at the email addresses listed in 1, 2, and 4 on the date below under California Rules of Court, rule 2.251.

Date of service: _____

Clerk, by _____, Deputy
Name: _____

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Fill out court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of

Fill out case number and case name:

Case Number:
Case Name:

1 Person who asked the court to waive its fees:

Name: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

2 Lawyer, if person in 1 has one

Name: _____ State Bar No: _____
Firm or affiliation: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

**3 Date of your last court fee waiver order in this case:
(date): _____**

Notice: The court may order you to answer questions about your finances and later order you to pay back the waived fees. If this happens and you do not pay, the court can make you pay the fees and also charge you collection fees. If there is a change in your financial condition during this case that improves your ability to pay fees and costs, you must notify the trial court within five days. (Use form FW-010.) If you win your case, the trial court may order the other side to pay the fees. If this is a civil case and you recover \$10,000 or more by settling the case or otherwise, the trial court will have a lien on the recovery in the amount of the waived fees. The trial court may decide not to dismiss the case until the lien is paid.

4 My financial condition has changed since the date of the last court fee waiver order in a way that improves my ability to pay fees. I ask the court to (check one):

- a. **End** my fee waiver because my financial condition has improved and I am able to pay my court fees and costs that are due after (date): _____.
- b. **Review** my updated financial information in the attached Request to Waive Court Fees. I believe I am still eligible for a fee waiver. (Complete form FW-001 and attach to this form.)

5 My case is a civil case and I have recovered (another party in the case is required to pay me a settlement, arbitration or mediation award, money judgment, or other money) (check one):

- a. less than \$10,000
- b. \$10,000 or more (If you check this box, you must complete (1) and (2) below.)
 - (1) Have you received the money from the settlement or other recovery? (check one): Yes No
 - (2) The party who must pay the settlement or other recovery is (name, address, phone, email):

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information provided on this form and all attachments is true and correct.

Date: _____

Type or print your name

Sign your name

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

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1 (Proposed) guardian or conservator who asked the court to waive its fees:

Name: _____

Street or mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

2 Lawyer, if person in 1 has one:

Name: _____ State Bar No: _____

Firm or Affiliation: _____

Street or mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

3 (Proposed) ward or conservatee:

Name: _____

Street or mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

4 Lawyer for (proposed) ward or conservatee, if any:

Name: _____ State Bar No: _____

Firm or Affiliation: _____

Street or mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

5 Date of the last court fee waiver order in this case (date): _____

Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of

Court fills in case number when form is filed.

Case Number:

Case Name:

Notice: The court may order you to answer questions about the ward’s or conservatee’s finances after granting a waiver and may order **you to pay** the waived fees. If this happens and the fees are not paid, the court may also charge collection fees. The court may also direct you to **try to** collect money to pay waived fees from persons who **have a legal** duty to support the ward or conservatee. If a change in the ward’s or conservatee’s financial **condition** during the case **improves your** ability to pay fees and costs, you must notify the trial court within five days. (Use this form.)

If this is a **civil** case and you win **it** on behalf of the ward or conservatee, the court may order the other side to pay some or all of the waived fees. If you **recover \$10,000** or more **by settling the case or otherwise**, the court will have a lien on the **recovery** in the amount of the waived fees. The court may **decide** not to dismiss the case until the lien is paid.

The court may also have a lien against the ward’s or conservatee’s estate that must be paid before the estate is distributed, the guardianship or conservatorship proceeding **ends**, and you are discharged as guardian or conservator.

- 6** **A change in the ward’s or conservatee’s financial condition** since the date of the last court fee waiver order **has improved** my ability as guardian or conservator to pay court fees and costs. I ask the court to **either**:
- a. **End** the fee waiver because **the ward’s or conservatee’s financial condition** has improved and I am able to pay court fees and costs due after *(date)*: _____.
 - b. **Review** the ward’s or conservatee’s updated financial information in the attached *Request to Waive Court Fees*. I believe **I am** still eligible for a fee waiver **based on the ward’s or conservatee’s financial condition**. *(Complete form FW-001-GC and attach to this form.)*



Your name: _____

Case Number:

7 I have represented the interests of the ward or conservatee in a civil case and have recovered on their behalf, in a settlement or otherwise, (check one):

less than \$10,000.

\$10,000 or more. (If so, complete a, b, and c below.)

a. I have, or the estate has, received the proceeds of the settlement or other recovery.

Yes No

b. The party who must pay the settlement or other recovery (name, address, phone, email):

c. That party's attorney, if any (name, firm or affiliation, address, phone, email, and State Bar number):

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information provided on this form and all attachments is true and correct.

Date: _____

Print your name here



Sign here

Notice to Appear for Reconsideration of Fee Waiver

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

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Warning: If you do not go to the hearing on the date and time below, the court may cancel your fee waiver and require you to pay all or part of the fees.

1 Person who asked the court to waive its fees:

Name: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

2 Lawyer, if person in 1 has one

Name: _____ State Bar No: _____
Firm or affiliation: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of

3 The court has information indicating that (check all that apply):

a. Your financial condition may have changed, or you may no longer be eligible for a fee waiver because (explain):

Fill in case number and name:

Case Number:

Case Name:

b. Your case is coming to an end, and the court requires some information about your financial condition to help it decide whether you are still eligible for a fee waiver.

4 You must go to court on the date below:

Hearing Date	→ Date: _____	Time: _____	Name and address of court if different from above: _____
	Dept.: _____	Rm.: _____	

Bring the following information if reasonably available: _____

Date: _____

Signature of (check one): Judicial Officer Clerk, Deputy



Request for Accommodations. Assistive listening systems, computer-assisted real-time captioning, or sign language interpreter services are available if you ask at least five days before your hearing. Contact the clerk's office or go to courts.ca.gov/forms for form [MC-410](#) (Disability Accommodation Request). (Civ. Code, § 54.8.)

Clerk's Certificate of Service

I certify that I am not involved in this case and (check one):

- I handed a copy of this order to the party and attorney, if any, listed in 1 and 2, at the court on the date below.
- This order was mailed first class, postage paid, to the party and attorney, if any, at the addresses listed in 1 and 2, from (city): _____, California, on the date below. A certificate of mailing is attached.
- I electronically served this order on the party and attorney, if any, at the addresses listed in 1 and 2, on the date below under California Rules of Court, rule 2.251.

Date of service: _____ Clerk, by _____, Deputy

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Warning: If you do not go to the hearing on the date and time on page 2, the court may cancel your fee waiver and require you to pay all or part of the fees.

1 (Proposed) guardian or conservator who asked the court to waive its fees:

Name: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

2 Lawyer, if person in 1 has one:

Name: _____ State Bar No: _____
Firm or Affiliation: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

3 (Proposed) ward or conservatee:

Name: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

4 Lawyer for (proposed) ward or conservatee, if any:

Name: _____ State Bar No: _____
Firm or Affiliation: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

5 The court has information indicating that (check all that apply):

a. The ward's or conservatee's financial condition may have changed, or you may no longer be eligible for a fee waiver based on that condition because (explain):

b. The ward's or conservatee's case (or the guardianship or conservatorship) is coming to an end, and the court requires the following information about the ward's or conservatee's financial condition to help it decide whether you are still eligible for a fee waiver (describe):

Fill in court name and street address:
Superior Court of California, County of

Court fills in case number when form is filed.
Case Number:
Case Name:



Case name:

Case Number:

6 You must go to court on the date below:

Name and address of court if different from that shown on page 1:



Date: _____ Time: _____
Dept.: _____ Rm.: _____

Bring the following documents to the hearing if they are reasonably available:

Blank lines for listing documents to bring to the hearing.

Date: _____

Signature of (check one): [] Judicial Officer [] Clerk, Deputy



Request for Accommodations. Assistive listening systems, computer-assisted real-time captioning, or sign language interpreter services are available if you ask at least five days before your hearing.

Clerk's Certificate of Service

I certify that I am not involved in this case and (check one):

- I handed a copy of this notice to the party and attorneys, if any, listed in (1), (2), and (4) at the court on the date below.
This notice was mailed first class, postage paid, to the party and attorneys, if any, at the addresses listed in (1), (2), and (4) from (city): _____, California on the date below.
A certificate of mailing is attached.
I electronically served this notice on the party and attorneys, if any, at the email addresses listed in (1), (2), and (4) on the date below under California Rules of Court, rule 2.251.

Date of service: _____

Clerk, by _____, Deputy
Name: _____

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1 Person who asked the court to waive its fees:

Name: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

2 Lawyer, if person in 1 has one

Name: _____ State Bar No: _____
Firm or affiliation: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

3 The court ordered a fee waiver in this case on (date):

4 The court sent you a notice on (date):

to go to a court hearing about the fee waiver.

5 There was a hearing on (date):

at (time): _____ in (Department): _____

The following people were at the hearing (check all that apply):

Person in 1 Lawyer in 2

Others (names): _____

Other people at the hearing are listed on Attachment 5.

Read this form carefully. All checked boxes are court orders.

6 After considering the information provided at the hearing, the court makes the following orders:

a. **No Change to Fee Waiver.** The *Order on Court Fee Waiver* issued by this court on (date): _____
remains in effect. No change is made at this time.

b. **Fee Waiver Is Ended as of (date):** _____. The court finds that beginning on that date you were no
longer eligible for a fee waiver for the reasons stated: below on Attachment 6b

- (1) You must pay all court fees in this case that are charged on or after the date of this order.
- (2) You must also pay the court \$ _____ for fees that were initially waived after you were no longer eligible.
 - (a) You must pay that amount within 10 court days of the date of service of this order (see page 3).
 - (b) You may pay that amount in monthly payments of \$ _____ beginning (date): _____
and after that on the first day of every month until all the fees are paid.

Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of

Court fills in case number when form is filed.

Case Number:

Case Name:



Case Number: _____

Case name: _____

6 c. **Fee Waiver Is Retroactively Withdrawn.** The court finds that you were never entitled to a fee waiver in this case for the reasons stated: below on Attachment 6c

- (1) You must pay all court fees in this case that are charged on or after the date of this order.
- (2) You must also pay the court \$ _____ for fees that the court initially waived.
 - (a) You must pay that amount within 10 court days of the date of service of this order (see page 3).
 - (b) You may pay that amount in monthly payments of \$ _____ beginning (date): _____ and after that on the first day of every month until all the fees are paid.

d. **Fee Waiver Is Modified.** The court finds that you are now able to pay a portion of your court fees without using money needed to pay for your household's basic needs. You must pay the fees as checked in items (1), (2), and (3) below. The court's reasons are stated: below on Attachment 6d

- (1) You must pay _____ percent of your court fees.
- (2) The court waives the fees checked below. You must pay all other court fees.

<input type="checkbox"/> Superior court fees for filing papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Clerk's fees for giving notice and certificates
<input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff's fees for giving notice	<input type="checkbox"/> Fees for sending papers to another court department
<input type="checkbox"/> Jury fees and expenses	<input type="checkbox"/> Court-appointed interpreter fees for a witness
<input type="checkbox"/> Court-appointed experts' fees	<input type="checkbox"/> Fees for a peace officer to testify in court
<input type="checkbox"/> Clerk's fees for certified copies	<input type="checkbox"/> Court fees for phone hearings and remote appearances
<input type="checkbox"/> Assessments for court investigations in probate guardianship and conservatorship proceedings	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reporter's fees for attending hearings or trial, if the court is not electronically recording the proceeding and you request that the court provide an official reporter	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other fees (specify): _____	

(3) Other orders as specified: below on Attachment 6d(3)

e. **Other orders as stated:** below on Attachment 6e

Date: _____



Signature of Judicial Officer



Case Number: _____

Case name: _____

Clerk's Certificate of Service

I certify that I am not involved in this case and *(check one)*:

- I handed a copy of this order to the party and attorney, if any, listed in ① and ②, at the court on the date below.
- This order was mailed first class, postage paid, to the party and attorney, if any, at the addresses listed in ① and ②, from *(city)*: _____, California, on the date below.
 - A certificate of mailing is attached.
- I electronically served this order on the party and attorney, if any, at the addresses listed in ① and ② on the date below under California Rules of Court, rule 2.251.

Date of service: _____

Clerk, by _____, Deputy
Name: _____

Order on Court Fee Waiver After Reconsideration Hearing (Superior Court) (Guardian or Conservator)

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1 (Proposed) guardian or conservator who asked the court to waive its fees:

Name: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

2 Lawyer, if person in 1 has one:

Name: _____ State Bar No: _____
Firm or Affiliation: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

3 (Proposed) ward or conservatee:

Name: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

4 Lawyer for (proposed) ward or conservatee, if any:

Name: _____ State Bar No: _____
Firm or Affiliation: _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

5 The court ordered a fee waiver in this case on (date): _____

6 The court sent you a notice on (date): _____ to go to a court hearing about the fee waiver.

7 There was a hearing on (date): _____ at (time): _____ in (Department): _____

The following persons were at the hearing (check all that apply):

- Person in 1 Lawyer in 2 Person in 3 Lawyer in 4
- Other persons who were at the hearing are listed below on Attachment 7.

Read this form carefully. All checked boxes are court orders.

8 After considering the information presented at the hearing, the court makes the following orders:

- a. **No Change to Fee Waiver.** The Order on Court Fee Waiver issued by this court on (date): _____ remains in effect. No change is made at this time.
- b. **Fee Waiver Is Ended as of (date):** _____. The court finds that, beginning on that date, you were no longer eligible for a fee waiver based on the ward's or conservatee's financial condition for the reasons stated below on Attachment 8b.

Fill in court name and street address:
Superior Court of California, County of

Court fills in case number when form is filed.
Case Number: _____
Case Name: _____



Case name:

Case Number:

- 8 b. (1) You must pay all court fees in this case that are charged on or after the date of this order.
- (2) You must also pay the court \$ _____ for fees that were waived after you had become ineligible for a fee waiver because the ward or conservatee had the ability to pay the fees.
- (a) You must pay that amount **within 10 court days** of the date of service of this order (see page 3).
- (b) You may pay that amount in monthly payments of \$ _____ beginning (date): _____ and after that on the first day of every month until all the fees are paid.

- c. **Fee Waiver Is Retroactively Withdrawn.** The court finds that you were never entitled to a fee waiver in this case based on the ward's or conservatee's financial condition for the reasons stated
- below on Attachment 8c.
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

- (1) You must pay all court fees in this case that are charged on or after the date of this order.
- (2) You must also pay the court \$ _____ for fees waived earlier in this case.
- (a) You must pay that amount **within 10 court days** of the date of service of this order (see page 3).
- (b) You must pay that amount in monthly payments of \$ _____ beginning (date): _____ and after that on the first day of every month until the full amount is paid.

- d. **Fee Waiver Is Modified.** The court finds—based on changes in the financial condition of the ward or conservatee—that you are now able to pay some of the fees in this case without using money needed to pay for the ward's or conservatee's basic needs.
- You must pay the fees as checked in items d(1), d(2), and d(3) below.

- (1) You must pay _____ percent of the court fees.
- (2) The court continues to waive the fees checked below. You must pay all other court fees.
- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Superior court fees for filing papers | <input type="checkbox"/> Clerk's fees for giving notice and certificates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff's fees for giving notice | <input type="checkbox"/> Fees for sending papers to another court department |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jury fees and expenses | <input type="checkbox"/> Court-appointed interpreter fees for a witness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Court-appointed experts' fees | <input type="checkbox"/> Fees for a peace officer to testify in court |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clerk's fees for certified copies | <input type="checkbox"/> Court fees for phone hearings and remote appearances |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assessments for court investigations in probate guardianship and conservatorship proceedings | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reporter's fees for attending a hearing or trial if the court is not recording the proceeding and you request that the court provide an official reporter | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other fees (specify): _____ | |

- (3) Other modifications as ordered below on Attachment 8d(3).
- _____
- _____
- _____



Case name: _____

Case Number: _____

8 e. **Other Orders as Stated** below on Attachment 8e.

Date: _____

Signature of Judicial Officer

Clerk's Certificate of Service

I certify that I am not involved in this case and *(check one)*:

- I handed a copy of this order to the party and attorneys, if any, listed in ①, ②, and ④ at the court on the date below.
- This order was mailed first class, postage paid, to the party and attorneys, if any, at the addresses listed in ①, ②, and ④ from *(city)*: _____, California, on the date below.
 - A certificate of mailing is attached.
- I electronically served this order on the party and attorneys, if any, at the email addresses listed in ①, ②, and ④ on the date below under California Rules of Court, rule 2.251.

Date of service: _____

Clerk, by _____, Deputy
Name: _____