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Dear Members of the Bar:

Greetings Northeast Indiana Probate Practitioners!

I am writing to advise you of a new procedure being implemented in Allen County for all new Guardianship cases. At the urging of the Indiana Guardianship Task Force, Indiana has developed a statewide Guardianship Registry. The registry consists of two main components. The first component is for Court's and Clerk's staff use only and the second component is a public access site. The public access site will contain basic information about Guardianship cases in Indiana. More information regarding the Task Force recommendation and this project can http://indianacourts.us/times/2012/07/whos-overseeing-thehttp://indianacourts.us/times/2012/07/how-aand overseers/ guardianship-registry-benefits-the-citizens-of-indiana/.

Allen County is one of several participating in the statewide deployment of this registry. Eventually, it is hoped that there will be a statewide database which will be accessible to the public for all Guardianships opened in the state. Actual implementation of the registry from the practitioner's point of view will involve very little change in your current practices. In order to make this process efficient for the Clerk and Court staff using this registry, beginning January 4, 2016 all new Guardianship filings will be required to include the attached Guardian Registry Information Sheet. This form will be used to facilitate the data entry for the registry by the County Clerk's office, and is not considered a pleading.

On behalf of the Probate Division of the Allen Superior Court, I thank you for your cooperation with this new process. As always, do not hesitate to direct any questions to my office.

Cordially,

Phillip E. Houk

Magistrate

Allen Superior Court

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Guardianship Registry Information Sheet

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