



JUDICIAL BRANCH CERTIFICATION COMMISSION

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CERTIFICATION DIVISION DIRECTOR
JEFFERY L. RINARD

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Re: Required Reporting to Judicial Branch Certification Commission for Calendar Year 2015

Dear County Clerk:

As of September 1, 2014, the Judicial Branch Certification Commission (JBCC) assumed the duties and responsibilities of the Guardianship Certification Board.

County clerks are required to report information only on private professional guardians to the JBCC. Reporting requirements are the same as last year, except reports are now submitted to the JBCC, not the former GCB. No information is reported on guardianship programs as of September 1, 2009. No information on the Department of Aging and Disability Services is reported as of September 1, 2007. In addition, county clerks are no longer required to submit information on private professional guardians to the Health and Human Services Commission.

To assist you in determining if an entity is a local guardianship program, as opposed to a private professional guardian, a list of local programs is posted on the JBCC website. A summary of current reporting requirements is also available on the website. Please visit the Reporting section, www.txcourts.gov/jbcc/guardianship-certification.aspx#AnnualReportingReqs for this information.

Texas Estates Code § 1104.306 [formerly Probate Code § 697(e)] requires the clerk to submit the names and business addresses of all registered private professional guardians to the Board no later than January 31 for the preceding calendar year. Information regarding annual registration by private professional guardians is found in Texas Estates Code § 1104.302-304 [formerly Probate Code § 697(a) - (c)].

You may download forms from the website to use to provide the required information. If there are no private professional guardians registered in your county, please indicate that on the form. Please submit the required information to my attention at the e-mail address or post office box address shown on the form; e-mail submission is preferred.

If you have any questions, or if I may be of assistance to you, please contact me. My direct number is 512/475-2873, and my e-mail address is lesley.ondrechen@txcourts.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L. M. Ondrechen".

Lesley Martin Ondrechen
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