



International Adult Guardianship Systems

<p>Country/State/Region: Greece Population : 10,75 Million Number of people under Adult Guardianship: -</p>
<p>Relevant legislation Article 1666 to 1688 Greek Civil Code</p>
<p>Key terminology Legal Assistant</p>
<p>What types of guardianship exist (personal welfare/financial affairs)?</p> <p>Guardians (legal assistants) can be appointed by the relevant Court. The guardianship can be for one field like financial management or legal actions, or for several fields (limited guardianship) or all fields (full guardianship). It can also exclude the person from the relevant actions (custodial legal assistance) or constitute the approval of the Guardian obligatory (subsidiary legal assistance).</p>
<p>Who has the power to appoint an adult guardian? (Guardians can only be appointed by the relevant District (Μονομελές Πρωτοδικείο) Family Court.</p>
<p>What criteria do the court need to consider when deciding the need for a guardian?</p> <p>The court needs to be convinced that the person has:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. a mental illness or cognitive impairment (expert opinion required) - matters in which the person is unable to manage or is acting to their own detriment (in personal or financial affairs)2. Prodigality or addiction form substances (drugs or alcohol) that constitute him a danger to expose himself or his wife and family in danger. <p>Minors at the last year before they reach adulthood can be placed under guardianship for the above mentioned reasons</p> <p>If there are certain matters that need urgent attention the court can appoint a temporary guardian before the completion of court proceedings.</p>
<p>Can a person under guardianship seek review of a guardian's appointment and/or a guardian's decisions?</p> <p>The person under guardianship has the right to appeal against the decisions made by the District (Guardianship) Court and are entitled to damages from the guardian.</p> <p>The person appeals to a higher court when seeking review of an appointment or a guardian's</p>

decision.

Does an existing enduring Power of Attorney (personal welfare/financial) remove the need for guardianship when capacity is lost?

No.

Who can be appointed as guardian? (eg family members, private guardian, private body, public body)

Person under guardianship has the right to propose a person the natural person that he wishes to be appointed as guardian

Persons close to the person concerned (next of kin, friends, acquaintances) are most likely to be appointed.

If no compatible natural persons can be appointed or if special requirements are linked with the guardianship, organizations or institutions specifically established for such purposes or the relevant social service will be appointed.