

RULE 66.4: Comments or Complaints on Guardianships

1. Any comment or complaint regarding the performance of any guardian appointed by this Court, including actions of the guardian in denying a request of a person to visit with the ward, shall be submitted in writing to the Court's deputy clerk. The complaint can be submitted in electronic format or hard copy.
2. Upon receipt of the comment or complaint, the deputy clerk shall forthwith send a copy of the comment or complaint by regular U.S. mail to the guardian who is the subject of the comment or complaint.
3. A copy of the comment or complaint shall be referred to the Judge for review to determine the action necessary to dispose of the comment or complaint, including but not limited to a referral to the prosecuting attorney or other agencies for further investigation or for further hearing by the Court. The Judge shall determine such course of action within seventy-two (72) hours of reference of the comment or complaint. If the Judge determines that a hearing is required to respond to the comment or complaint, such hearing shall be held within five (5) Court days of the Judge's determination. Notice of the hearing shall be provided to those entitled to Notice of the hearing shall be sent by regular U.S. mail to those identified in SPF 15.0 and such other interested persons as determined necessary by the Court, including the person submitting the comment or complaint, the guardian and the ward.
4. Upon making a final disposition of the comment or complaint, the Court shall prepare a written Final Disposition and provide a copy to the person making the comment or complaint and the guardian.
5. The Court shall maintain a separate record regarding the nature and disposition of comments or complaints concerning guardianships.