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Bar News **September 16, 2015**

Court News: Guardianship Cases Continue Moving Online

Go-Live Dates and Webinars Announced

The NH e-Court pilot project in which guardianship cases of minors and incapacitated people in Laconia and Brentwood are being filed electronically has been going smoothly, according to NH Circuit Court officials.

Since June 19, there have been 73 electronically filed guardianship cases in the Brentwood and Laconia Circuit Courts. About 30 percent of these cases were filed by attorneys.

As the NH e-Court Project, moves forward, guardianship cases in more circuits will move online. The second "go live" date is Thursday, Oct. 22, and will bring new cases in the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 8th and remainder of 10th circuits into the electronic filing system.

The court has scheduled the following webinars for legal professionals:

Guardians, guardians ad litem, and any interested non-lawyers are invited to attend a webinar demonstrating the self-represented e-filing pathway at 2 p.m., Monday, Sept. 28.

Lawyers and legal staff at the NH Department of Health and Human Services are invited to attend a webinar demonstrating the attorney pathway at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29. Due to the time-sensitive nature of guardianship cases, lawyers who accept court appointments to represent proposed wards will need to register with File and Serve through the court's Electronic Services page before being considered for court appointments.

To register for a webinar, look for links to be posted soon on the [Electronic Services page of the NH Judicial Branch website](#). Look on the right-hand side of the page, under the heading "Webinars."

The third "go live" date for guardianship cases is Dec. 10. Starting on this date, all new guardianship cases in the 2nd, 6th, 7th, and 9th Circuits will be filed online.

Leading up to that date, the court will hold a webinar demonstrating the e-filing pathway for self-represented litigants at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, for guardian, GALs and any interested non-lawyers.

A webinar for lawyers and DHHS staff will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5.

Gina Belmont, senior administrator of the NH Circuit Court, said ongoing guardianship cases are not moving online at this time, but will be migrated at a later date to increase access and efficiency for filers of annual reports.

The next case type to move over to the NH e-Court Project electronic case filing system will be civil cases in NH Superior Court.

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