JBCC Texas Guardianship Registration and Training

Assisting the courts in protecting our most vulnerable citizens and their assets.



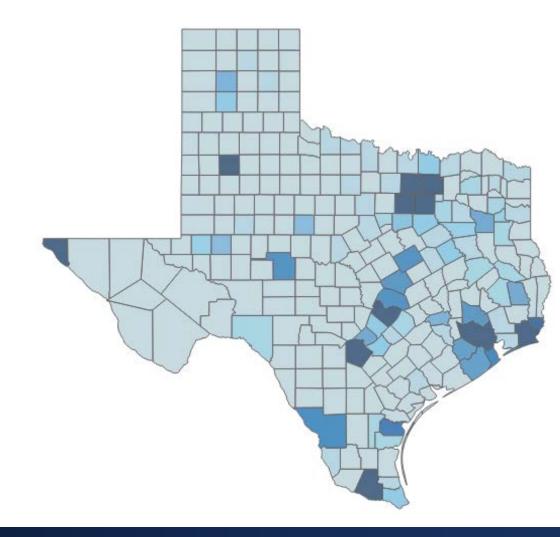
Judicial Branch Certification Commission (JBCC)

► JBCC Overview

- ✓ Registrations of Guardianships (SB 1096, June 1, 2018)
- ✓ Registrations of Guardianship Programs (SB 36, September 1, 2018)



50,000 (+) Active Guardianships



Total 254 Counties in Texas

- ➢ 10 Counties
- 18 StatutoryProbate Courts
- Specialized staff, auditors and investigators

244 Counties

- County Judge
- County Court at Law Judges
- Lack personnel and resources
- Types: Family Members, Friends, Attorneys, Certified Guardians



Guardianship Compliance Project (GCP)

- Service to assist courts and clerks handling guardianship cases.
- Review all guardianship cases to identify compliance issues and reporting deficiencies by the guardian.
- Review annual accountings and report findings back to the court.
- Provides accurate list of active and closed cases.
- ➢ Prepare report for courts on findings.
- Develop best practices in managing guardianship cases.
- Prepare and send notices for the missing reports.
- Assist with compliance dockets.

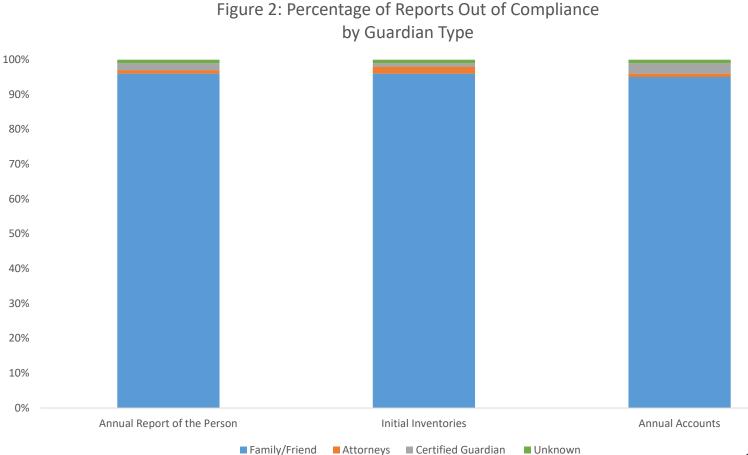


Guardianship Compliance Project as of August 31, 2018							
	46/32	Courts and Counties involved in the guardianship compliance project					
	28,931	Guardianship cases reviewed by the guardianship compliance project					
×	18,310	Guardianship cases recommended for closure with <mark>3,328</mark> deceased					
Ø	10,621	Active guardianship cases					
	2808*	Guardianship cases found to be out of compliance with statutorily required reporting					
	35%*	Percentage of cases with missing reports of the person					
	44%*	Percentage of cases with missing initial inventories					
	48%*	Percentage of cases with missing annual accountings					

* Note: These statistics are reported for the 30 counties in which the initial review process has been completed. The number of active guardianships in those 30 counties totaled 6535. With 2,808 cases out of compliance with required reporting, the percentage of cases out of compliance is 43%.



Compliance by Guardian Type





S.B. 1096

➤S.B. 1096 implements recommendations from the Texas Judicial Council (TJC):

➢ Prior to Appointment:

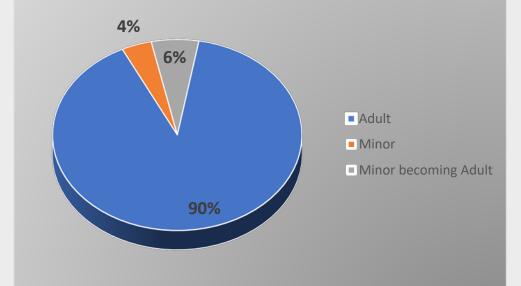
► All guardianships registered with the JBCC

- ➢JBCC to ensure that these guardians obtain proper training and criminal history checks.
- Registry available for query by law enforcement.
- ➢SCOT Rules adopted
- ≻No fee for the registration or training
- ►Effective June 1,2018



Total Registrations Since June 1st







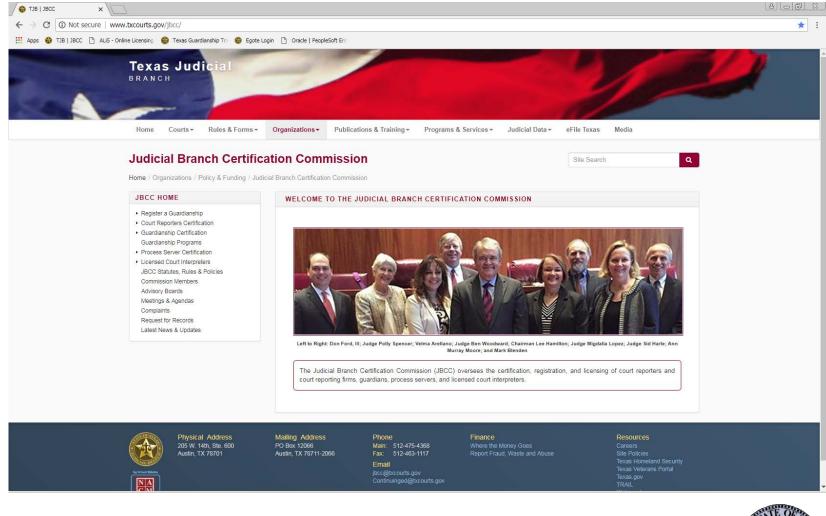


Guardianship Registration Information

- Effective June 1, 2018, each guardianship registered with the JBCC.
- Clerk of a court provides written notice of the requirement to register to each person who applies as a guardian and to each attorney who files an application.
- > Each proposed guardian submits the following information to the JBCC:
 - ✓ the proposed guardian's name, and all former names;
 - the proposed guardian's physical address and mailing address if different, telephone number, email address, and other contact information, if any;
 - ✓ the proposed guardian's attorney's physical address and mailing address if different, telephone number, email address, and other contact information;
 - \checkmark the name, sex, and date of birth of the proposed ward;
 - ✓ whether the proposed guardianship is of the person, the estate, or both;
 - ✓ whether the proposed guardianship is based upon incapacity or minority of the proposed ward;
 - ✓ the estimated value of the liquid assets of the proposed ward's estate;
 - the name of the court with jurisdiction over the guardianship proceeding; and
 - whether the proposed guardian is a certified guardian, attorney or a corporate fiduciary.

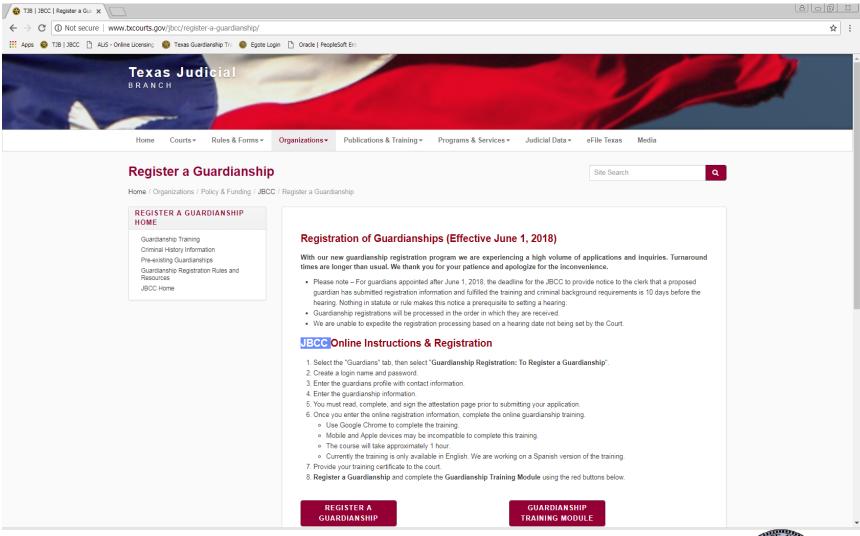


JBCC Website

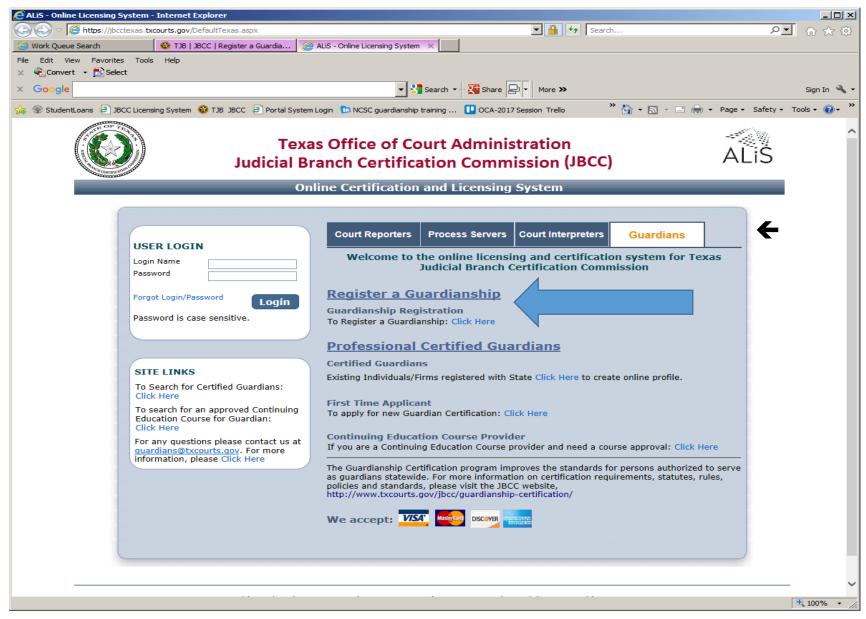




JBCC Guardianship Registration











Initial User Registration - Guardians

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Guardianship Registration Information

➢JBCC will notify the court and the proposed guardian of receipt of the required information.

JBCC may request clarification, correction, or completion of the information

Submission of information does not constitute registration of the guardianship.

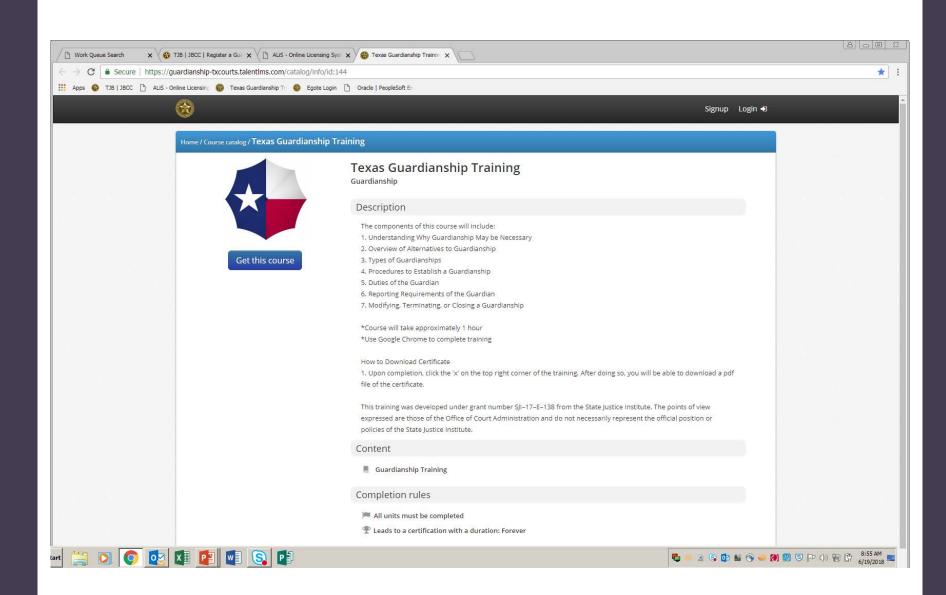
A guardianship is not registered with the JBCC until the JBCC receives notice from the clerk of the court that the guardian has been appointed and the date of qualification.



Guardianship Registration-Training

- > JBCC must include the following subjects in the training:
 - ✓ guardian's fiduciary duty to the ward;
 - ✓ laws relating to the practice of guardians, including actions guardians may take without court approval and actions requiring court approval;
 - requirement to file and maintain an adequate bond to protect the ward and the ward's estate;
 - ✓ content and information to include in inventories, annual accounts, annual reports of the person, final reports of the person, final accounts, and other filings with the court;
 - $\checkmark\,$ content and information to include in the annual report to the Commission;
 - ✓ alternatives to guardianship;
 - ✓ support and services available to wards;
 - ✓ Restoration;
 - ✓ the ward's bill of rights;
 - $\checkmark\,$ notification on health and residence to certain qualified relatives requesting information.
- Upon completion of the training, each proposed guardian will receive a certificate and provide to the court.
- A proposed guardian may not be appointed guardian unless the proposed guardian completes the training provided on the JBCC's website
- The proposed guardian must complete the training no later than 10 days before the court's hearing to consider the proposed guardian's appointment.
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Course Roadmap

- Understanding Why Guardianship May Be Necessary
- Overview of Alternatives to Guardianship
- Types of Guardianship
- Procedures to Establish a Guardianship
- Duties of the Guardian

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Reporting Requirements of the Guardian

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For successfully completing the course

Texas Guardianship Training

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GUARDIANSHIP TRAINING



"Subject: Guardianship Training PDF File availability?

Hello

The training is wonderful and very informative.

Is there a way we can get PDF or word copy of the entire training so we can share with others as needed...

I would appreciate any help provided on this."

"Subject: FW: certification-Texas-Guardianship-Training.pdf

This is great training. Yes, I would encourage all familial guardians to take it even if it isn't a requirement (our lawyers are supposed to walk us through all of this information before we apply) because it contains a lot of additional information and is presented in a user friendly format (unlike their website...).

Again, thank you for your support. You are a great asset to the probate court.

Best regards,"



Guardianship Training Feedback

Guardianship Registration-Criminal History

- Effective June 1, 2018, the JBCC must conduct a proposed guardian's criminal history records upon receipt of information regarding the proposed guardian unless the proposed guardian is a certified guardian, a provisionally certified guardian, an attorney, or a corporate fiduciary.
- A proposed guardian may not be appointed guardian, or temporary guardian, unless:
 - ✓ DPS search via name and DOB search if the value of the estimated liquid assets in the estate of the proposed ward is \$50,000 or less; or
 - ✓ DPS and FBI search, via fingerprint, if the value of the liquid assets of the proposed ward's estate exceed \$50,000.
- The JBCC must provide the criminal history background information to the clerk.
- The clerk must provide the information to the court for the exclusive use of the judge.
- The clerk must not file the criminal history background information in the court file. Confidentiality, encrypted PDF, record destruction.
- A hearing to appoint a proposed guardian may occur no earlier than 10 days after receipt of the criminal history background information.



Guardianship Registration-Notice to JBCC

- The clerk notifies the JBCC of the date of the guardian's qualification. JBCC will update registration.
- The clerk of a court which removes a guardian or terminates a guardianship must send notice of the removal or termination to the JBCC within 10 days. JBCC will update registration.
- The clerk of the court which transfers a guardianship to another venue or jurisdiction must notify the JBCC. JBCC will update registration.



Guardianship Registration-Pre-existing Guardianships Each guardian appointed before June 1, 2018 must register with the JBCC by filing the information.

The probate court must provide to each guardian notice of the registration requirement no later than the next annual report or annual accounting is filed with the court.

➤Guardianship training and criminal history not required unless ordered to do so by the court.



Registration Summary

- ➤Guardianship Application filed
- JBCC email filer about registration requirements
- Clerk notify filer of registration requirements
- Guardian provide information in JBCC system
- ► JBCC Criminal History and provide to Clerk
- JBCC provides certificate and confirms training
- Clerk notify JBCC of qualification date
- Clerk notify JBCC of transfer, removal, closure or successor
- ≻Effective June 1,2018



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