

# Advocacy Tools

## Conservatorship

One of the most frequent requests for information from advocates is how to best help their clients on conservatorships and how to assist them in preparing for a conservatorship hearing.

I have gathered together some tools that and other advocates use, and additional information that I think you will find helpful in your work.

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### ✦ **Conservatorship –Probate/LPS**

*This is a "cheat" sheet that is very useful when trying to understand how the two different types of conservatorships function, both differently and together.*

### ✦ **Memo on Grave Disability Criteria**

*You may find this helpful for your understanding of how the court has defined GD. If you have a new Public Defender(s) or private attorney who is representing your clients and who may not be familiar with LPS law you might want to share this with them.*

### ✦ **Tools for providing conservatee assistance**

*This wonderful set of documents was designed by Lana Frye, one of the Shasta County PRA's and used by her and JoAnn Diffenderfer to assist their conserved clients. It is something that they give to clients to help them prepare for their upcoming hearing. Remember – that most judges wish to hear this information presented orally and so it should only be used to assist the client in organizing their thoughts. It is also find it a great tool for making sure the Public Defender has all the information for a client in a concise document.*

## ✦ **LPS Conservatorship Chart**

*This is a chart that attorney Mike Stortz, from PAI, Inc. has designed to help us in an easy way be able to follow the sometimes complicated progression of conservatorships and the statutes that guide them.*

Additional Resources Not In This *Jolt*

## ✦ **LPS Benchguide**

*Sent to you in the November 2000 Mailing, this document is the instructional guidelines given to judges by the California Center for Judicial Education and Research. It has a very good piece on conservatorship hearings starting on page §120.53.*

## ✦ **LPS Writ of Habeas Corpus Instruction Packet**

*This how to guide, will provide clients and advocates with complete instruction on how to file a Writ request. **(Not in this mailing - This will be available from Protection & Advocacy, Inc. by the end of March)***

