

## How to ask the court to accelerate a hearing to be appointed guardian of a minor

You must give Notice of the hearing to several people at least 14 days before the hearing. A.R.S. § 14-1401. If all those people have waived notice, you may ask the court to have your hearing sooner, even immediately. This is called an accelerated hearing.

To ask the court to have your hearing sooner, you must file a “motion to accelerate.”

You may file a “motion to accelerate” IF you have a signed Waiver of Notice from each of the following:

- mother, if living, and
- father, if living, and
- minors age 14 and older, and
- current legal guardians (if any), and
- anyone who has had principal custody and control of the minors for the last 60 days (if not the parents, current legal guardians or yourself).

You don't have to give notice to:

- A parent who is deceased. You must bring a certified copy of the death certificate to the hearing.
- A current legal guardian who is deceased. You must bring a certified copy of the death certificate to the hearing.
- Children under age 14.

You may not request an accelerated hearing if:

- a father is not named on the birth certificate; or
- a living parent or legal guardian, or minor age 14 or older, will not sign a Waiver of notice.

To file a “motion to accelerate:”

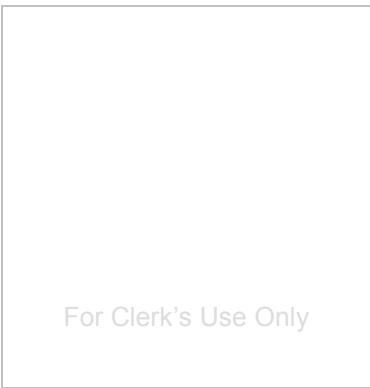
1. Complete the forms.
  - Motion for Accelerated Hearing Regarding Guardianship of Minor
    - You must check a box for each person.
  - Order for Accelerated Hearing Regarding Guardianship of Minor
    - Complete the heading and case information.
    - Do not fill out the Order or the Judges signature/date.
2. Make 2 copies of the completed Motion and Order.
3. File the original and 2 copies of the Motion with the Clerk of Superior Court, Juvenile Division. You can file this at the same time you file the Petition and Affidavit.

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Phoenix, AZ 85009

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1810 S. Lewis Street  
Mesa, AZ 85210

4. The Clerk will return the two copies of the Motion. One copy of the Motion is for your records. The other copy is for the Judge.
5. The Clerk will direct you where to take your papers. You will need to give the following to the Judge's staff:
  - 1 - filed copy of the Motion; and
  - 1 - original and 2 copies of the draft Order; and
  - 1 - filed copy of the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of Minor, and
  - 1 - filed copy of the Affidavit of Person to be Appointed Guardian of a Minor (for each proposed guardian), and
  - 1 - filed copy of the Waiver of notice from:
    - mother, if living, and
    - father, if living, and
    - minors age 14 and older, and
    - current legal guardians (if any), and
    - anyone who has had principal custody and control of the minors for the last 60 days (if not the parents, current legal guardians or yourself).
  - (if applicable) certified copy of death certificate for any parent, legal guardian, or person who has had principal custody and control of the minors for the last 60 days; and
  - (if applicable) 1 – filed copy of each Consent for mother, father, minors age 14 and older, legal guardians or other person who has had principal custody and control of the minors for the last 60 days
6. The Judge will review your motion and papers and decide whether or not to grant your motion.
7. If the Judge grants your motion and sets a hearing, prepare for the hearing.
  - You must bring the original and one copy of the following:
    - Petitioner's United States or State issued identification (this is required for all proposed guardians).
    - Certified copy of Birth Certificate for each child (this is required for all children listed on the Petition).
  - If you do not bring the required documents to the hearing, your hearing may be vacated and reset to another date.

Person Filing: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address (if not protected): \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lawyer's Bar Number: \_\_\_\_\_



Representing  Self, without a Lawyer or  Attorney for:  Petitioner OR  Respondent

## SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA IN MARICOPA COUNTY

In the Matter of Guardianship of:

Case Number:   **JG**  

### MOTION FOR ACCELERATED HEARING REGARDING GUARDIANSHIP OF A MINOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
A Minor

Pursuant to Arizona Rules of Probate Procedure, Rule 15(i), I request the hearing on my Petition for Appointment of Guardianship of a Minor be accelerated.

I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct.

1. All persons required to notice, have either waived notice or do not need to be notified because:
  - PROPOSED GUARDIAN, \_\_\_\_\_ (name) is the petitioner in the case and will attend the hearing.
  - PROPOSED CO-GUARDIAN, \_\_\_\_\_ (name)
    - does not apply; or
    - is the co-petitioner in the case and will attend the hearing.
  - MOTHER of the minor(s): (must select one)
    - has signed a Consent and Waiver regarding the appointment of guardian and I will bring the Consent and Waiver to the hearing; or
    - has signed a Waiver of hearing regarding the appointment of guardian and I will bring the Waiver to the hearing; or

- is deceased and I will bring a certified copy of the death certificate to the hearing; or
- has had her parental rights terminated by a court and I will bring a certified copy of the court order terminating her rights to the hearing.

- FATHER of the minor(s): (must select one)
  - has signed a Consent and Waiver regarding the appointment of guardian and I will bring the Consent and Waiver to the hearing; or
  - has signed a Waiver of hearing regarding the appointment of guardian and I will bring the Waiver to the hearing; or
  - is deceased and I will bring a certified copy of the death certificate to the hearing; or
  - has had his parental rights terminated by a court and I will bring a certified copy of the court order terminating his rights to the hearing.

- Current legal guardian or other person, \_\_\_\_\_, (name) with principal care and control of the minor(s) for the last 60 days: (must select one)
  - does not apply; or
  - has signed a Consent and Waiver regarding the appointment of guardian and I will bring the Consent and Waiver to the hearing; or
  - has signed a Waiver of hearing regarding the appointment of guardian and I will bring the Waiver to the hearing; or
  - is deceased and I will bring a certified copy of the death certificate to the hearing.

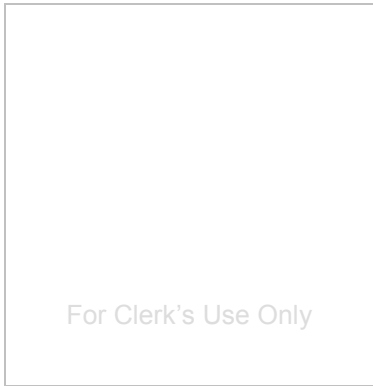
- MINOR(S) under age 14, \_\_\_\_\_ (name(s)): (must select one)
  - does not apply; or
  - is/are under age 14 and I will bring a certified copy of the birth certificate to the hearing.

- MINOR(S) age 14 or older, \_\_\_\_\_ (name(s)): (must select one)
  - does not apply; or
  - has signed a Consent and Waiver regarding the appointment of guardian and I will bring the Consent and Waiver to the hearing; or
  - has signed a Waiver of hearing regarding the appointment of guardian and I will bring the Waiver to the hearing.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dated

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner's Signature

Person Filing: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address (if not protected): \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lawyer's Bar Number: \_\_\_\_\_



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### ORDER REGARDING REQUEST FOR ACCELERATED HEARING FOR GUARDIANSHIP OF A MINOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
A Minor

The Court has considered Petitioner's Motion to Accelerate Hearing Regarding Guardianship of Minor,  
filed \_\_\_\_\_.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- Motion is denied.
- Motion is granted.

The Hearing is set per the Notice of Hearing issued by the Court.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dated

\_\_\_\_\_  
JUDGE/COMMISSIONER