

INTRO: EXPLANATION OF LOUISIANA LEGAL TERMS

When you have friends or loved ones who need help handling their daily affairs, whether they be your elderly neighbors or disabled relatives, and you believe they need a guardian to handle those affairs, and all other alternatives aren't realistic or haven't worked, it often becomes necessary to file what is called "an **interdiction**" in the Louisiana court system.

In Louisiana, the legal term for a guardianship of an adult is called "an **interdiction**".

Your friend or relative is referred to as the potential "**interdict**".

The person appointed to be the guardian is called "the **curator**".

In addition, the court appoints what is called "an **undercurator**" who has certain oversight duties.

The **undercurator** shall have full access to the interdict and all medical and financial records and is to review all accountings and reports filed by the curator.

The **undercurator** must agree with certain transactions the curator might wish to make on behalf of the interdict.

The **undercurator** also has the duty to notify the court if the curator has failed to perform any duties.