

LISTENING TOUR

June 14, 2019
1:00 - 3:00 PM

Kent County Probate Court
180 Ottawa Avenue NW
5th Floor, Room 5000
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Phone: 616-632-5440

Attorney General Dana Nessel and Supreme Court Justices Richard Bernstein and Megan Cavanagh are conducting a state-wide listening tour to identify additional issues the Michigan Elder Abuse Task Force should address.*

State and county elder-care resource providers will also be present.

Doors open one hour before the start time.

For questions about accessibility or to request accommodations, please contact the **ADA Coordinator, Martha Irwin** at **616-632-5422**.

Two weeks advance notice is requested.



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INITIATIVES

- Require professional guardians to become certified (including minimum training, professional standards, bonded).
- Change the accounting form filed annually requiring the judge to sign an attestation that he/she reviewed it and finds it meets the fiduciary standard.
- Adopt the **standard investigation form for vulnerable adult investigation** and include training for law enforcement, prosecutors, Adult Protective Service workers and Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards academy.
- Review the process for emergency petitions for guardianship/conservatorship to require a full hearing with the ward present and medical testimony.
- Develop statutory basic rights for the family of the ward including notice and the opportunity to file *pro se* motions/documents, visitation, etc. Court to provide written opinions as to reasons a relative is not appropriate for guardian. Court to review every six months.
- Review process of guardian removal of the ward from the home. Must present court with written plan exploring all alternatives to removal; review of the sale of the ward's home and appraisal shall be required to accompany any purchase agreement.
- Limit the number of wards per guardian.
- Mandate reporting for financial institutions on suspected fraud/exploitation.
- Help develop local level multi-disciplinary teams.
- Additional issues as identified on listening tour.

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