

New! Third National Guardianship Summit Releases Standards and Recommendations

On October 13 – 15, 2011, the ten National Guardianship Network sponsoring organizations, with eleven diverse cosponsors, convened the Third National Guardianship Summit at the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law in Salt Lake City. With 92 delegates, observers, authors, funders and facilitators participating, the Summit was a consensus conference on post-appointment guardian performance and decision-making for adults.

The Summit delegates adopted a far-reaching set of recommendations for Guardian Standards, as well as additional Recommendations for action by courts, legislatures and other entities. These documents from the Summit offer the groundwork for nationally recognized standards for guardians of adults.

Posted [here](#) are: (1) basic Definitions used in the Standards and Recommendations; (2) the Summit’s “Guardian Standards;” and (3) the Summit’s “Recommendations for Action.” The Standards and Recommendations were adopted by vote of the plenary session based on recommendations of the Summit’s seven interdisciplinary working groups.

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In preparation for the Summit, NGN commissioned nine papers by 17 experts, which will appear in the Summer 2012 issue of the *Utah Law Review*. In addition, the existing National Guardianship Association *Standards of Practice*, and 12 Summit Issue Briefs helped to inform the attendees and spur thorough consideration of issues. The Issue Briefs included Recommendations from a Family Guardian Focus Group convened by NGN planners to promote family guardian input; and a summary by the National Organization to End Elder Abuse and Guardianship Abuse. For the Standards, Recommendations, Issue Briefs, paper authors and topics, see www.guardianshipsummit.org.