Alabama Probate Court Survey – Fall 2018

Total Responses = 51 (of 68 surveyed)

1. How many petitions for guardianship or conservatorship were filed in your county in 2017?
   Grand Total = 1,522

2. Was this an increase or decrease from 2016?
   Increase = 52%
   Decrease = 48%

3. Does your system capture the number of petitions filed for “limited” guardianships?
   Yes = 10%
   No = 90%

4. Does your system allow for the electronic filing of petitions?
   Yes = 4%
   No = 96%

5. Do you have an automated system to track filing of conservatorship inventories and accountings?
   Yes = 37%
   No = 63%

6. How aware are you of “less-restrictive alternatives” to guardianship and conservatorship?
   Aware = 47%
   Somewhat aware = 43%
   Not aware at all = 10%

7. How often do you encounter difficulties finding qualified and willing individuals to serve as guardian or conservator?
   Often = 18%
   Sometimes = 60%
   Never = 22%

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