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Conservatorship

What is a conservatorship?

According to Nolo Publishing, conservatorship is a “legal arrangement that gives an adult the court-ordered authority and responsibility to manage another adult’s financial affairs.” The Riverside Superior Courts add that the “conservator is responsible for the conservatee’s daily needs.”

There are three types of conservatorship:

1. General Probate Conservatorship: For adults who are incapable of providing for their personal needs due to physical injury, mental illnesses or other reasons.
2. Limited Conservatorship: Only for those who are developmentally disabled; Powers for the conservator are limited, enabling the conservatee to live as independently as possible.
3. Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Conservatorship: For gravely disabled persons who may be a danger to themselves or others; Might require hospitalization in a facility; Conservator must be reappointed annually; EXTRA protective measures are utilized to ensure the conservatee’s civil rights are not being violated.

References: Nolo (2013). *Nolo's Plain-English Law Dictionary*. Retrieved from <http://www.nolo.com/dictionary/conservatorship-term.html> ; *Conservatorship*. (n.d.). Retrieved from <https://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/SelfHelp/Conservatorship/conservatorship.php>

Online Resources:

The Superior Court of California Self- Help

<http://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-conservatorship.htm>

Website provides general information about conservatorship and forms.

The Superior Court of California, County of Riverside Self-Help

<https://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/SelfHelp/Conservatorship/conservatorship.php>

Website contains information about types of conservatorships and the court process.

https://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/SelfHelp/Conservatorship/conservatorship_brochure.pdf

Pamphlet with information for self-represented litigants in a conservatorship.

Print Resources:

Title: *California Conservatorship Practice* (R) (I)

Publisher: Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB)

CallNo: KFC 112 .C355

ISBN: 9780762609895

Description: Two-volume set describes the conservatorship process in detail. Subjects covered include: beginning and terminating conservatorship, temporary and LPS conservatorships and respective legal substitutes. Volume 2 includes information on finances, real estate transactions, and insurance.



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Title: *Handling a Fiduciary Accounting* (R) (I)
Publisher: Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB)
CallNo: KFC 995 .A1 H3133 2012
ISBN: 9780762619269
Description: Book includes an indexed list of pertinent judicial forms.

Title: *Handbook for Conservators* (R) (I)
Publisher: Judicial Council of California
CallNo: KFC 112 .H36 2002
ISBN: N/A
PDF version: <https://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/handbook.pdf>

Title: *California Jurisprudence 3d* (v.24) (R) (I) (T)
Publisher: Thomson West
CallNo: KFC 65. C343 v. 24
ISBN: N/A
Description: This multi-volume encyclopedic set covers many legal concepts with references to cases and codes. Conservatorship is in volume 24 alongside guardianship.

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Pertinent California Code:

[CA Probate Code Sec.1400](#)
[CA Probate Code Sec.1800](#)
[CA Probate Code Sec.2100](#)

Legal Assistance:

<https://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/SelfHelp/Conservatorship/conservatorship.php>

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